



Introduction

Property owners (i.e. home and business owners) and occupants are responsible for clearing and removing snow and ice off sidewalks surrounding their properties. This includes the portion of the sidewalk at street corners also known as access ramps that allow pedestrians and people who use mobility aids such as wheelchair ramps, power chairs, walkers and strollers easier entry to be able to cross the road.

Keeping sidewalks and walkways clear of snow and ice improves the quality of life for all, including delivery and customer service people and those who rely on mobility aids. Ensuring sidewalks are clear will also help reduce injuries caused by slip and falls.

What is the law regarding snow and ice removal?

Property owners and occupants are responsible for the complete removal and clearing of:

- snow and ice from all City sidewalks surrounding their property within 24 hours of a snowfall
- snow and ice that builds up on roofs or eaves that overhang the City sidewalk

When clearing snow and ice, property owners and occupants must ensure that the snow and ice is **not** placed:

- immediately beside or blocking access to a fire hydrant;
- in such a manner that it would block drainage to any drain or sewer; and/or
- on a road or boulevard.



It is illegal to place snow and ice on a road or boulevard and could result in a ticket. Doing this will interfere with traffic and may also cause an accident.

Sample of Notice To Comply



Hamilton

Planning and Economic Development Department
Parking and By-law Services Division
Municipal Law Enforcement Section
77 James Street North, suite 250, Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3

NOTICE TO COMPLY

issued under section 9 of By-law 03-296
respecting the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks

First Offence Second Offence Third or Subsequent Offences

ISSUED TO:

PROPERTY:

TAKE NOTICE that on _____ an
Date: dd/mm/yy *Time:*

inspection of your property indicated that the City sidewalks adjacent to your property are not in compliance with section 5 of the City of Hamilton Snow Removal By-law 03-296, namely all snow and/or ice has not been removed.

You, as the Owner / Occupant of the property, are to remove all snow and/or ice from the City sidewalks adjacent to your property immediately.

AND TAKE NOTICE that if you do not comply with this notice, the City of Hamilton:

- (a) may carry out the work at your expense and may recover the costs of doing the work by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes;
- (b) may lay a charge for failing to comply with By-law 03-296 and, upon conviction, there is a maximum fine of \$5,000;
- (c) may take other legal action to obtain compliance with By-law 03-296.

Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Badge #: _____

Service Request #: _____ Phone #: 905-546-2424, ext _____

Fee For Inspection: Letter given/left at property (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

white copy - Property Owner

yellow copy - Office Files

By-laws are available for review on the City of Hamilton website, www.hamilton.ca, under frequently requested By-laws.



