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City Reminds Residents about Sidewalk Responsibility

Residents are required to clean the ice and snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of a snow event.

MORGANTOWN - The City has seen a mild winter so far, but the Morgantown Code Enforcement Division and the Morgantown Police Department want you to remember your sidewalk responsibilities when the snow falls.

The City is publicizing its Snow and Ice Removal regulations by handing out and posting flyers, which serve to remind residents, homeowners, and businesses of their responsibility to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of a snow event.

Morgantown City Code 913.11, "Maintenance; Removal of Snow, Ice and Dirt" originated in 1967. The City also takes International Property Maintenance Code 302.3 "Sidewalks and Driveway" into consideration.

The regulations do not apply to personal walkways, stairs, driveways, and parking spaces. However, walkways, stairs, driveways, and parking spaces for rental and business property are required to comply with the 24 hour clean up standard.

The Code Enforcement Division will receive complaints and issue notices to responsible parties if the snow and ice is not removed within 24 hours following the snow event. The notice will provide an additional 24 hours to correct the violation. The Police Department will issue citations to those individuals who fail to take corrective action.

Those unable to remove snow and ice from sidewalks who do not have a neighbor or family member to help should call the Code Enforcement Office.

To report a dangerous location or an area of concern, citizens can go online at <http://com4.govtsystems.com/ReqPMorgantownWV/AnonRequests/Requests.aspx?TopicId=0> and fill out a Request Partner form.

If you have questions, please contact Code Enforcement office Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The number there is (304) 284-7401.





Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks in the City of Morgantown

During this time of year, it is important for residents and property owners to remember that the City of Morgantown has regulations to keep sidewalks and driveways clear of snow and ice. These regulations are in place to ensure the safety of all pedestrians in our community from serious injury and life-threatening hazards, whether they are US Postal carriers or school children.

Property owners are required to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours of a snow event. Snow and ice removal from personal walkways, stairs, driveways, and parking spaces is at the discretion of the property owner. However, if these walkways, stairs, driveways, and parking spaces are for *rental or business property*, they do fall within the same 24 hour clean up standard.



Responsibility is *not limited only* to ice and snow removal during winter months. All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, and parking spaces must be maintained and free from any hazardous conditions, including deteriorating concrete to pot holes in the driveway.

These regulations and enforcement measures are provided in Morgantown City Code 913.11 "Maintenance; Removal of Snow, Ice and Dirt" and in the International Property Maintenance Code 302.3 "Sidewalks and Driveways."



Please be a good neighbor by keeping sidewalks and driveway entrances safe from snow and ice. You could also offer to help those in your neighborhood who may be less able to shovel their own sidewalks.

If you are physically unable to clear your sidewalk and have no neighbor, friend, or family member that can help please call 304-284-7401 and speak to someone in Code Enforcement.