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Good neighbours clear the snow...

With the onset of Calgary's winter, it is time to remind ourselves how the buildup of ice and snow on city sidewalks can literally leave some people housebound. Older adults, those with mobility issues or parents wheeling strollers or walking with young children, may find it too treacherous to venture out if neighbours are not diligent about clearing the ice and snow. All of us can help make walking in our communities safe for everyone if we work together and follow the regulations set out in Calgary's Street Bylaw.

Property owners are responsible for clearing all sidewalks adjacent to their property. This means removing all snow and ice down to the bare concrete within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. If, as a property owner, you do not live at the residence, it is important to work with tenants or arrange for a contractor to clear the snow. The property owner is ultimately responsible for snow clearing under the bylaw. For any ice that is difficult to remove, a de-icing mixture is available at fire halls or Roads depots. Please bring your own container.

When clearing the snow from your sidewalk, please remember that snow from a public sidewalk can be put onto the road or boulevard, but snow from private property cannot. Large mounds of snow in the street can impede the flow of traffic, limit driver and pedestrian visibility and hinder Blue Cart and Black Bin collection.

Sidewalks also need to be clear of obstructions such as electrical cords. When plugging in your vehicle, make sure you don't place an electrical cord on or over any portion of a street.

Have you considered being a Snow Angel? It can be a challenge for some residents to shovel and clear their sidewalks. The Snow Angel campaign encourages Calgarians to be good neighbours by helping older adults and others in need with their snow removal. All you have to do is adopt someone's sidewalk this winter and keep it clear.

Let's remember that snow, ice and obstructions on our sidewalks can result in serious injuries and can cause those with limited mobility to be confined indoors. Be a good neighbour and clear the snow.

To access the City of Calgary Street Bylaw, visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) and search "Street Bylaw" or call 3-1-1.

