Keeping our sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do…

Together, we are responsible for keeping the City of Middletown safe and comfortable for winter walking. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors, people pushing strollers or using wheelchairs, and the many individuals, including children, in Middletown who walk, please do your part.

…*and it's the law.*

Section 262-19 of the City of Middletown Code of Ordinances requires that property owners or occupants clear sidewalks UNDERLINE WITHIN 24 HOURS after a weather-related event ends.

When you shovel snow and clear ice

❖ Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.
❖ Remove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is clear, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
❖ Sand with a salt mixture is provided at City Yard, free of charge. Just bring a 5 gallon bucket.
❖ Pile snow onto your yard. It's against the law to shovel snow into the street.
❖ If you have a corner property, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter.

Avoid a ticket

❖ If the City of Middletown receives a complaint or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared within 24 hours of a storm event, a representative of the Public Works Department will issue a citation with a fine. This fine will increase $25 per storm thereafter when you fail to properly clear your sidewalks. Any fines not promptly paid will be referred to a collection firm.

Remember

❖ You are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalks as clearing snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow.
❖ The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.
❖ Make arrangements for someone to take over while you are on vacation.

Want to Go the Extra Mile?

❖ Are there neighbors on your street who are elderly, have a disability, or may have a hard time shoveling for any reason? Work with your neighbors to give a hand and ensure that your entire block is safe and accessible to all.