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## Town updates snow removal rules

Ridgway, CO – Property owners are reminded of their responsibility to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Many members of our community highly value the ability to walk their neighborhoods and business areas, and to have accessible routes. Ignoring snow removal poses safety hazards, especially when conditions lead to a layer of ice.

In an effort to provide for more clear and stringent rules for snow and ice removal, the Ridgway Town Council recently adopted [Ordinance No. 05-2024](#). While private property owners continue to be responsible for removing snow and ice on sidewalks abutting their property, the new rules require snow and ice to be removed from the abutting sidewalk within 24 hours after a snow event with less than 12 inches of accumulated snow or 48 hours after a snow event with more than 12 inches of accumulated snow. Removal of snow and ice means shoveling the sidewalk such that the snow accumulation is removed, and a traction agent is applied, such as sand or salt to melt ice accumulation, if necessary.



In the event the responsible person fails to cause snow and ice removal as required by the Ridgway Municipal Code, the Town of Ridgway may cause a written notice to be served on the responsible person. The notice shall require the responsible person to complete the snow and/or ice removal within a reasonable time, not to exceed 48 hours. If the responsible person so notified fails to remove the snow as required, the Town of Ridgway may cause the snow removal to meet the requirements of the Ridgway Municipal Code and charge the costs plus an additional administrative fee of up to \$25.00 to the responsible person.

Snow removal is a community effort that requires everyone's patience and cooperation. For more information regarding policies and procedures in place when it snows in the Town of Ridgway, please call 970-626-5308 or click [HERE](#). The Town of Ridgway greatly appreciates your patience and understanding this winter season!

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