



Winter Sidewalk Safety Reminder

As the weather starts turning colder, Nampa will inevitably start seeing our first bit of snow fly. This means it is time to prepare for the maintenance of sidewalks bordering commercial and residential premises. Please be courteous and do your part to prevent an accident from occurring.

Residential home owners, along with business owners and tenants are reminded that the curbs, gutters and sidewalk code states, “The accumulation of snow, ice, dirt or any solid waste upon the sidewalks of the city or placement of items (e.g., dumpsters, portable backstops, landscaping features, etc.) upon such so as to obstruct the same is declared to be a nuisance and the responsibility of the owner to move or remove in a timely manner. (Ord. 3371, 8-2-2004)”.

Property owners are reminded that snow and ice may not be shoveled from sidewalks and driveways onto any portion of roadway (including the gutters), or anyone else’s private or public property.

Caution should be exercised when numerous storms are expected. The City of Nampa recommends that you remove snow as the weather breaks, when practical. Waiting too long can make snow removal difficult and very strenuous due to accumulation and snow pack. Additionally, if the weather warms during the day, thawing and subsequently freezes conditions become much more hazardous. If you have ice on the sidewalk, place some sand or ice melt on the icy areas. This will assist in melting the ice away and will allow the sand to imbed into the ice, creating a good grip for walking.

Property owners could be held civilly responsible if a person falls and injures themselves while walking on a sidewalk that has not been properly cleared of snow.

The City of Nampa Code Compliance and Community Relations Division appreciates the efforts to help make Nampa sidewalks safer. These codes are not only designed for public safety, but also encourage good business practices and promote neighborly care.

For additional information or to report possible hazards as it relates to this topic, please contact the City of Nampa Code Compliance and Community Relations Division at 468-5473.

