

It's All BIRMINGHAM

The Shopping District

Getting Ready for Snow

As we enjoy the beautiful fall weather, it's hard to believe snow may be right around the corner. As we approach the holiday season and colder temperatures, please take a moment to review the City's snow ordinance so you can avoid fines. When the snow comes, you'll be ready!



* If your store has sidewalk from the door to the street, the store or the property owner **must shovel all additional snow to the street - past the curb**. If your store has parking meters in front, you must clear snow around and between the meters. If your store has a grassy area in front, you may shovel snow to that area as long as you do not block a pedestrian right of way.

* You must also clear snow three feet around fire hydrants if they are in front of your store.

* When any snow or ice shall cease to fall or form during daylight hours, snow or ice shall be cleared within 12 hours after it stops.

* When any snow or ice shall cease to fall during nighttime hours, it must be cleared by 6 p.m. on the day following.

* If the specified area is not cleared, the Department of Public Services may determine that an area is unsafe. **They will clear the snow at your expense.**

* You are also responsible for daily salting, as needed, to keep your sidewalk safe. The BSD contractor does not salt in front of all stores.

* Store owners or staff: If you are unsure of who is responsible for snow removal around your building under your lease agreement, contact your landlord or property manager.

Please note the Birmingham Shopping District (BSD) has contracted privately for clearing a 48" path along the sidewalk. This service is in place to provide minimum snow clearing to make sidewalks safe and passable. Our contractor is Nick's Maintenance, LLC. For more information, contact the BSD at 248-530-1200.