

## **DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL & ICE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS**

It is important for all property owners and business tenants to review the following Town of Manchester regulations regarding the removal of snow and ice from abutting sidewalks and bumpout areas within the District. **Please note that snow removal must take place within 24 hours of the end of a storm and ice cover must be removed, sanded or treated within 12 hours of the end of a storm.**

### **Abutting property owners shall:**

- **Keep all of the gray public sidewalk clear of snow and ice.** In areas where the gray sidewalk areas are wide, a minimum of eight (8) feet of width (measured from the back of the sidewalk or property line towards the gutter) should be cleared. For the convenience of customers and pedestrians, it is preferable to have all of the gray sidewalk area cleared of snow and ice.
- **Keep handicapped ramps clear of snow and ice.** All handicapped ramps should be cleared of snow and sanded or otherwise treated for ice to a minimum of four (4) feet wide from the sidewalk and to the curb and through the snow windrow in the gutter. This applies to ramps at intersections, crosswalks and handicapped parking.
- **Keep a path to pedestrian push buttons clear of snow and ice.** Clear a path a minimum of four (4) feet wide from the gray sidewalk to the pedestrian push buttons located in the red textured sidewalk areas found on the southeast corners of Main Street with Maple St., Oak St., Purnell Place, Bissell St., and Pearl St.
- **Keep bus stops clear of snow and ice.** Clear a path to all bus stops on the side of the bus stop signs from which buses arrive. Paths should be a minimum of four (4) feet wide and extend from the cleared gray sidewalk areas to the curb and should include the red textured sidewalk areas and the gutter snow windrow.
- **Keep fire hydrants clear of snow and ice.** Fire hydrants shall be cleared of snow and ice so as to create a (4) four foot clearance in all directions, and a (3) three foot wide path should be cleared from the fire hydrant to the street, square or public space so that the Fire Dept. personnel shall have unimpeded access to the fire hydrant.

### **It is also important to:**

- **Provide customer access to and from street front parking places.** Where desired by owners, merchants and tenants **clear passages from the sidewalks to the on-street parking spaces through the snow windrows.** *A minimum of one cleared passage for every 4 parking spaces is recommended.*
- **Clear access to mailboxes, trash receptacles, news boxes and telephones.** This courtesy would be appreciated by everyone.

**Note:** The Town of Manchester will only provide snow removal and ice control on the roadway and on sidewalks, handicapped ramps and bus stops that are along Town frontage. The Downtown District provides snow removal and ice control for the 8 municipal lots it manages and along sidewalks immediately abutting those lots.

### **Winter Parking Ban**

There shall be no parking on any public highway or designated municipally owned, leased or operated off-street parking area or lot in the Town between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM from December 1 through April 1. There is a \$15 fine for violations. Overnight parking by Downtown residential tenants who have purchased a long-term parking pass is permitted in two specific Downtown lots only. Information on lot locations can be obtained by contacting the Downtown Manchester Special Services District at 645-2101.