



## **RESIDENTS ASKED TO REMOVE SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS**

Now that winter is once again upon us, and snow is accumulating, the City of St Marys would like to remind its residents that all sidewalks should be shoveled and cleared to allow for safe pedestrian passage. We must all keep in mind that our sidewalks are used for pedestrian travel, such as walking to work, school or shopping; no matter what time of year it is. If your sidewalk is not shoveled, pedestrians may even take to the streets, creating a greater hazard for motorists and the pedestrian alike.

The City has an ordinance in place requiring the removal of snow, ice, stones and debris. It clearly states that all snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalk abutting any public street within twelve (12) hours after the snowfall has stopped. If the owner of any property in question fails to comply, the City Manager may proceed immediately to remove snow and ice with the use of City personnel, or a contracted service. If this occurs, the City has the right to collect the cost of such removal and a municipal claim penalty that will be imposed.

Private snow-plowing can also create problems. Please pay close attention to where the snow is being piled. It shall not impede upon the free line of sight of intersections, or even the entrance of a driveway. Snow shall not be piled along the side of streets, as the narrowing of the roadway may make it impossible for the City or PennDOT to adequately clear snow for safe travel. Also, please do not park along streets and turn-arounds if at all possible if significant snow accumulation is predicted, this will assist the crews in removing the snow in a timely manner.

Please keep in mind that even if you don't use the sidewalk there is plenty of people that do, and appreciate those who take care of their sidewalks. Please lend a hand if a neighbor or a relative cannot take care of their sidewalks; it will help build community spirit.

If you have any questions regarding this Ordinance, please feel free to contact the City's Code Enforcement Department at 781-1718 Ext 227.