

# HIGHLANDS RANCH SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Teaming Up for  
Safe Streets, Trails and Sidewalks

Area	Streets	Trails and Parkway Sidewalks	Residential Sidewalks
Responsible Party	 DOUGLAS COUNTY COLORADO	 HIGHLANDS RANCH Metro District	Homeowner
Removal Time	When snow starts to fall.	Three inches of snow has accumulated and it is likely to remain on the ground for more than 24 hours.	Removal is required within 24 hours after snow stops.
Scope of Responsibilities	Approximately 2,400 lane miles including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major arterial roads</li> <li>• Collector roads</li> <li>• Residential streets</li> <li>• Cul-de-sacs</li> </ul>	150 miles of hard surface trails and sidewalks including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38 miles of hard surface trails</li> <li>• 112 miles of sidewalks</li> <li>• Fire stations</li> <li>• Metro District buildings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidewalks in front of and along the sides of homes</li> <li>• Adjacent mailboxes (where present)</li> <li>• Adjacent fire hydrants (where present)</li> </ul>
Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Major arterial roads</li> <li>2. Collector roads</li> <li>3. Residential streets</li> <li>4. Cul-de-sacs</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fire stations</li> <li>2. Essential Metro Dist. buildings</li> <li>3. Sidewalks and hard surface trails</li> <li>4. Parking lots at community and neighborhood parks</li> </ol>	
For more information or to report a problem	Public Works Operations at 303-660-7480 or <a href="http://www.douglas.co.us">www.douglas.co.us</a>	The Highlands Ranch Metro District staff at 303-791-2710 or <a href="http://www.highlandsranch.org">www.highlandsranch.org</a>	Public Works Operations at 303-660-7480.

## CITIZEN SNOW & ICE REMOVAL RESPONSIBILITIES



## SNOW REMOVAL POLICY



Snow and ice can be dangerous for all ages, but especially for children, the elderly and persons with disabilities who are more susceptible to injury. For example, when sidewalks are not cleared of snow and ice, children will often weave in and out of streets and sidewalks on their way to or from school or the school bus, which is a safety concern.

For these reasons, property owners in unincorporated Douglas County are responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks surrounding their property within 24 hours after it stops snowing. Homeowners are also responsible for ensuring that snow from their sidewalk and driveway is not placed into the street or public right-of-way.

Douglas County understands that there may be times when 24 hours is not reasonable, such as when extreme amounts of snow have fallen. If this situation occurs, the 24-hour period of time for snow removal may be extended. Any such extension will be posted at [www.douglas.co.us](http://www.douglas.co.us)

Incorporated areas of Douglas County (cities and towns) have separate snow removal policies. Please refer to the respective area for snow removal specifics.

## CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT ADHERING TO THIS POLICY



Property owners who do not adhere to the Douglas County Snow Removal Policy may receive a written notice requiring that they remove the snow within the next 24 hours. If snow is removed from sidewalks prior to the expiration of the posted 24-hour notice, no further action will be taken. If snow is not removed within the posted 24-hour notice, the County may remove the snow and all related costs will be billed to the property owner where the conditions existed. Snow removal costs may be collected in any manner allowed by law, including but not limited to placing a lien on the property and collecting the amount in the same manner as real property taxes.

Anyone who violates the Snow Removal Policy is committing a Class 2 Petty Offense and if convicted is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50 per violation. This Ordinance is enforced by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.



## SNOW PLACEMENT AND VEHICLE PARKING



Please **DO NOT PLACE SNOW IN THE STREET**. Piles of snow in the gutter will inhibit drainage resulting in ice build up in gutters and on sidewalks. Citizens are advised to place all snow from sidewalks and driveways on adjacent landscaped areas.

Automobiles and other vehicles left parked on County roads during a winter storm make it difficult for snow plows to remove snow and may result in damage to the parked vehicle.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information regarding Douglas County Snow Removal policies please visit [www.douglas.co.us](http://www.douglas.co.us) and search for snow removal.

To report potholes on Douglas County roadways please contact the Public Works Operations Department at 303-660-7480.