



Green Streets Initiative



BEST SHOVELED BLOCK IN CAMBRIDGE CONTEST

Does your block have well shoveled sidewalks? Nominate it for the **Best Shoveled Block in Cambridge Contest**, sponsored by the Cambridge Post Office and Green Streets. Call in nominations to 617-575-8738 (ask for Fran). Or send in picture/description to Cambridge PO, 770 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139, or email walk-ride-days@comcast.net.

Nominations will be due on Walk/Ride Day, February 25, 2011. The judges? Letter carriers, who use the sidewalks every day!

The winner will be awarded at a ceremony at the Central Square PO on Walk/Ride Day, March 25, 2011.

Cambridge Ordinance requires that all property owners:

- Remove snow from all sidewalks next to their property or business within 12 hours after snow stops falling in the daytime, and before 1 p.m. when the snow has fallen during the night.
- Make the path wide enough for someone using wheelchair, walker or stroller (at least 3 feet, preferably 4 feet).
- If you are on a corner, don't forget to shovel the side-street sidewalk and to clear ramps at crosswalks.
- You are as responsible to remove ice just like you would snow within 6 hours of the time the ice forms.

The fine for failing to comply with the City's sidewalk clearance ordinances is \$50 a day each day that you don't comply. Even if you aren't around, it is your responsibility to ensure someone clears sidewalks and ramps next to your property. There is help for low-income homeowners who are elderly and/or have a disability.

If you are a homeowner on a low income (\$23,475 or less for a one-person household in 2008) and you are elderly or have a

disability, you may qualify for the City's Snow Exemption Program (in which case the City will shovel your sidewalk). To apply, call the Council on Aging (617-349-6220 (voice) or 617-349-6050).

If you do not qualify, the Council on Aging can provide you with a limited list of professional snow removal companies and a list of students who want to earn money by shoveling – you contact the student yourself and negotiate a price.

Join us for Walk/Ride Days: Last Friday of Every Month!

For more information: walk-ride-days@comcast.net, or 617-625-3822

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