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This table lists town and city names alphabetically. The data are current as of Feb. 3, 2016. If you see the name of a town with no other information, that community either does not have sidewalks, does not have regulations, or have not provided information to the state officials who compiled this data. For more detailed information on the rules within a specific community, state officials recommend visiting that town or city's official website. To see this data displayed on maps, [click here](#).

Municipality	Abington
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Municipality	Acton
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Acushnet
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town plows the main sidewalks and town lots, including schools, the town hall, and the police station.

Municipality	Adams
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$50.00
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$50.00
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town plows the sidewalks that have no buildings around them.

Municipality	Agawam
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$25 for every 24 hours past the maximum time to clear
Businesses responsible	Yes

When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Alford
Municipality	Amesbury
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears 8 miles of sidewalk.
Municipality	Amherst
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$10 for every 24 hours past the maximum time to clear
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Andover
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	By 10 a.m. following a snowstorm, except on Sundays or holidays
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	By 10:00 a.m., except on Sundays or holidays following a storm
Fine for businesses	No fine

Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After snowfall or precipitation stops during regular work hours
Municipality	Arlington
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	8 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset--3 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset for apartment building owners
Fine for homeowners	\$25–50 per day
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	Within the first 3 hours of snowfall between sunrise and sunset
Fine for businesses	\$50 per day
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Ashburnham
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Ashby
Municipality	Ashfield
Municipality	Ashland
Homeowner responsible	Yes
Businesses responsible	Yes
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town clears sidewalks near schools, downtown, and along the main roads.

Municipality	Athol
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Attleboro
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Auburn
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town is responsible for plowing most sidewalks. It takes approximately 2 hours to sand and 5 hours to plow the entire town.

Municipality	Avon
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Municipality	Ayer
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Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Barnstable
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Municipality	Barre
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town is responsible for clearing all public sidewalks, including those around schools, the town hall, and the police and fire stations.
Municipality	Becket
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes

When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town is responsible for removing snow on town sidewalk property.

Municipality Bedford

Municipality	Belchertown
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town is responsible for sidewalks on public streets and town building sidewalks.

Municipality Bellingham

Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town clears sidewalks as staff and equipment allow. They do not clear sidewalks in subdivisions or secondary roads.

Municipality Belmont

Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	By 8 p.m. the day after the end of the storm

Fine for homeowners	A written warning for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and successive offenses, to a maximum of \$350 per winter season (October 1 to April 30)
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	Selectmen may charge an unspecified amount
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Berkley
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town removes snow from public sidewalks.
Municipality	Berlin
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Municipality	Bernardston
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town removes snow on sidewalks around town buildings and municipal streets.

Municipality	Beverly
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	As soon as possible
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	As soon as possible
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Generally, the city clears downtown and business district sidewalks, but it depends on the location.

Municipality	Billerica
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops, after the street is cleared by the town
Fine for homeowners	\$10
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops, after the street is cleared by the town
Fine for businesses	\$10
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Other information	The town clears about 21 miles of sidewalk. Sidewalks are plowed when the accumulation of snow is more than 2 inches.

Municipality	Blackstone
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A

Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Blandford
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Bolton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town clears sidewalks in the center of town only.
Municipality	Boston
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	3 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops--3 hours after sunrise if it snows overnight
Fine for homeowners	\$50 if the building is 16 or fewer units, \$100 if the building is more than 16 units
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	3 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops--3 hours after sunrise if it snows overnight

Fine for businesses	\$200
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Each authority that is within the boundaries of Boston must follow the same regulations or be subject to the same ordinances.

Municipality	Bourne
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	As soon as possible (usually within 24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops)

Municipality	Boxborough
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks near schools.

Municipality	Boxford
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine

Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Boylston
Municipality	Braintree
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	\$10
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	\$10
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	Once the roads are clear
Other information	The town clears 80 miles of sidewalk in priority areas, such as on the main roads, near schools, and near the commuter rail.
Municipality	Brewster
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	Once the roads are clear
Municipality	Bridgewater
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A

Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears private property sidewalks to the best of its ability. The town also clears some centrally located sidewalks in the center of town.

Municipality	Brimfield
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Brockton
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	8 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$50
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	8 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$50
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Property owners must keep sidewalks in front of their properties clear of snow, whether it falls from the roofs of adjacent buildings or by any other cause.

Municipality	Brookfield
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A

Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows and sands all sidewalks in the village district of town. However, they do not plow the sidewalks in the outlying areas.

Municipality	Brookline
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	3 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset for multi-family dwellings--30 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops for all other private property
Fine for homeowners	No more than \$100 for multi-family dwellings--For all others, a warning first, then no more than \$25 for each subsequent offense

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	3 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset
Fine for businesses	No more than \$100
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Sidewalk pathways must be cleared to at least 36 inches in width.

Municipality	Buckland
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Municipality	Burlington
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town takes care of about 50 miles of sidewalks, including residential ones, on the main roadways. Sidewalks in other neighborhoods must be taken care of by the residents.

Municipality	Cambridge
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops if it stops during the day, before 1 p.m. if it

stops overnight--6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops for ice removal

Fine for homeowners \$50 per day

Businesses responsible Yes

When must businesses shovel? 12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before 1 p.m. if it stops overnight--6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops for ice removal

Fine for businesses \$50 per day

Municipality responsible No

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Other information The paths cleared on the sidewalks must be wide enough for someone using a wheelchair, walker, or stroller (at least 3 feet, preferably 4 feet wide). Corner properties must clear sidewalks surrounding the property and clear ramps at crosswalks.

Municipality Canton

Municipality Carlisle

Municipality Carver

Homeowner responsible No

When must homeowners shovel? N/A

Fine for homeowners N/A

Businesses responsible No

When must businesses shovel? N/A

Fine for businesses N/A

Municipality responsible Yes

When does municipality shovel? No maximum

Other information There are no privately owned sidewalks in the town and no sidewalks run by a business. All sidewalks are owned and maintained by the town.

Municipality Charlemont

Municipality Charlton

Homeowner responsible Yes

Municipality responsible No

Municipality Chatham

Municipality	Chelmsford
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Chelsea
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	Warning for the first offense/day, \$50 for the second offense/day, \$150 for the third offense/day, and \$300 for subsequent offenses/days
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	Warning for the first offense/day, \$50 for the second offense/day, \$150 for the third offense/day, and \$300 for subsequent offenses/days
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Cheshire
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Chester
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Municipality	Chesterfield
Municipality	Chicopee
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$50 for the first offense
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$50 for the first offense
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Property owners are also responsible for removing ice (or placing sand on the ice) from sidewalks.

Municipality	Chilmark
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town does not have sidewalks.

Municipality	Clarksburg
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No

When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The only sidewalks in the town are along the state highway, which the town does not clear.
Municipality	Clinton
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks on main roads and near schools.
Municipality	Cohasset
Municipality	Colrain
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.
Municipality	Concord
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A

Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
Other information	The town has sidewalk plows, and generally removes snow from business areas and sidewalks within walking distance from the schools. Most outlying sidewalks are not plowed by the town.

Municipality	Conway
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After the streets have been plowed
Other information	The town does some sidewalk snow removal as a courtesy. Property owners are still expected to ensure that their sidewalks are clear. Sidewalks are part of the property of the individual or business, so they have liability in case anything happens.

Municipality	Cummington
Municipality	Dalton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Danvers
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	Yes

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	Yes
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Municipality	Dartmouth
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before 11 a.m. the next day if it stops overnight
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before 11 a.m. the next day if it stops overnight
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Dedham
Municipality	Deerfield
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	After the streets have been plowed
Municipality	Dennis
Municipality	Dighton
Homeowner responsible	No

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has less than 10 miles of sidewalk.

Municipality	Douglas
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	As soon as reasonably possible
Fine for homeowners	\$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second and all subsequent offenses
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	As soon as reasonably possible
Fine for businesses	\$25 for the first offense, \$50 dollars for the second and all subsequent offenses
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Dover
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Dracut
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears 6–7 miles of sidewalk in the business district and main corridors.

Municipality	Dudley
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Dunstable
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has very few sidewalks.

Municipality	Duxbury
Municipality	East Bridgewater
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A

Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Other information	The town clears sidewalks near school zones and in the downtown area, but not in subdivisions.

Municipality	East Brookfield
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	Usually between 12-18 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Other information	The town clears all sidewalks except the ones on the outskirts of town, which the machine won't fit on.

Municipality	East Longmeadow
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Eastham
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A

Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town only has two sidewalks: one which is cleared by the town, and the other, which is on Route 6 and belongs to MassDOT, is not cleared.

Municipality	Easthampton
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	Fines start at \$50 per offense
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	Fines start at \$50 per offense
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	See online City Ordinances, Chapter 8, Sec. 8-41 for more snow removal information.

Municipality	Easton
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears major sidewalks and those within 2 miles of the schools.

Municipality	Edgartown
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No more than \$50

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No more than \$50
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	
	Egremont
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
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Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	
	Essex
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes

When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Everett
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	In the event of a snow emergency, 12 hours after the emergency has ended
Fine for homeowners	In the event of a snow emergency, 2 warnings, then a ticket for \$25, then a second ticket for \$50
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	In the event of a snow emergency, 12 hours after the emergency has ended
Fine for businesses	In the event of a snow emergency, 2 warnings, then a ticket for \$25, then a second ticket for \$50
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	In the event of a snow emergency, 12 hours after the emergency has ended
Other information	The town has 2 sidewalk plows that clear and salt main sidewalks.
Municipality	Fairhaven
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	Police department may issue a fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	Police department may issue a fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Fall River
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	During and right after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	During and right after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Falmouth
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town will remove snow on sidewalks within a 1-mile radius of each school. The town will prioritize other sidewalk snow removal plans.

Municipality	Fitchburg
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset
Fine for homeowners	\$100 for the first offense and up to \$200 for subsequent offenses
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset
Fine for businesses	\$100 for the first offense and up to \$200 for subsequent offenses
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Florida
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Foxborough
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Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	A reasonable amount of time
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Business owners, except for those in the downtown area, must clear their own walkways.

Municipality	Framingham
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Franklin
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	\$25
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Freetown
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Municipality	Gardner
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Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	8 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	8 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The downtown store owners are responsible for the sidewalks in a certain specified district. However, outside the district, the city will remove the snow.

Municipality Aquinnah

Municipality	Georgetown
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality Gill

Municipality	Gloucester
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops if it stops during the daytime, before noon if it stops overnight.
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops if it stops falling during the daytime, before noon if it stops falling overnight.
Fine for businesses	No fine

Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	These laws apply to snow that falls off of buildings as well.

Municipality	Goshen
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Gosnold
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town has very few sidewalks. The town shovels the sidewalks it does have in front of the townhall, library, and schools.

Municipality	Grafton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A

Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town only clears the sidewalks around schools and on major routes.

Municipality	Granby
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The state maintains the sidewalks on Rt. 202. The town has few sidewalks, and does not clear any with the exception of some sidewalks on the outskirts of town.

Municipality	Granville
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks, only walkways which the town clears.

Municipality	Great Barrington
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A

Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Municipality	Greenfield
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No more than \$10 for the first offense, \$25 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses in a calendar year
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No more than \$10 for the first offense, \$25 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses in a calendar year
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Groton
Municipality	Groveland
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows all public sidewalks, but not the ones in subdivisions.
Municipality	Hadley
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum

Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows all town-owned sidewalks, as well as the sidewalks on Rt. 9. There are very few private sidewalks.

Municipality	Halifax
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Municipality	Hamilton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Property owners are liable for any injuries linked to snow and ice on their property. The town clears school sidewalks and downtown sidewalks, and some others depending on the storm.

Municipality	Hampden
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Hancock
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Municipality	Hanover
Homeowner responsible	No

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Hanover has about 35 miles of sidewalks and clears about 5--6 miles, which are largely on the busy roads and the routes where students may walk to school.

Municipality	Hanson
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows the sidewalks on Rt. 27 to the T station, but does not plow the sidewalks on Rt. 58 or on any private roads.

Municipality	Hardwick
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Harvard
Homeowner responsible	N/A

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Harvard has no sidewalks other than in the center on town property.

Municipality	Harwich
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	After the roads, areas around buildings, and parking lots are plowed

Municipality	Hatfield
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Municipality	Haverhill
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops, unless it stops overnight
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops, unless it stops overnight
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Hawley
Homeowner responsible	N/A

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Heath
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Heath does not have any sidewalks. The only sidewalk is in front of the elementary school and it is cleared by the school custodian.

Municipality	Hingham
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks leading to schools and major roads. The town will clear any sidewalk that is not in front of a business.

Municipality	Hinsdale
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Municipality	Holbrook
Municipality	Holden
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears about a mile and a half of sidewalk near schools.

Municipality	Holland
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The only sidewalks in town are in front of the town hall. The town clears these sidewalks.

Municipality	Holliston
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks in the downtown business area on Washington street and the sidewalks along walking routes to the schools.

Municipality	Holyoke
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops

Fine for homeowners	\$25
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$25
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	On all portions of streets with parking meters, snow and ice should be removed from sidewalks within 8 hours after the snowfall or precipitation stops.

Municipality Hopedale

Municipality	Hopkinton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Hubbardston
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	The day after the storm is over.
Other information	The town has about 1 mile of sidewalk that the town clears either after the storm is over or the next day.

Municipality	Hudson
Homeowner responsible	No

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks in the commercial & downtown areas, near schools, and in other areas designated by selectmen. The sidewalks are cleared at same time as roads.

Municipality	Hull
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	As soon as possible.
Other information	The Town plows approximately 12 miles of sidewalk along all main roads, business districts, and schools. Not all sidewalks are plowed.

Municipality	Huntington
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town clears from Gateway to the center of town, as well as some side streets.

Municipality	Ipswich
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Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears some of the downtown sidewalks and the sidewalks near schools.

Municipality	Kingston
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No minimum
Other information	The town clears some sidewalks leading to schools and the sidewalks along Rte. 3A from Duxbury to Plymouth.

Municipality	Lakeville
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The only sidewalks plowed by the town are on the street where the commuter rail station is and Route 105. The only other sidewalks in town are in subdivisions, and the town does not plow them.

Municipality	Lancaster
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	As soon as possible after the storm ends.
Other information	The town clears all sidewalks on walking routes, especially near schools.

Municipality	Lanesborough
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Municipality	Lawrence
Homeowner responsible	Yes
Businesses responsible	Yes
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
Other information	The town clears sidewalks in front of public buildings, and the schools clear their own sidewalks.

Municipality	Lee
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Municipality	Leicester
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Lenox
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	As soon as practical after snowfall or precipitation stops.
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	As soon as practical after snowfall
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No

When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Leominster
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$50 for the first offense, \$100 for each subsequent offense
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The list of areas where business owners must clear their sidewalks is on the city web page under City Ordinances, Chapter 20.

Municipality	Leverett
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Leverett has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Lexington
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After the roads have been cleared--Plowing may take 2–3 days.

Other information	The town clears sidewalks near schools and other selected sidewalks.
Municipality	Leyden
Municipality	Lincoln
Municipality	Littleton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	3 days after snowfall or precipitation stops
Other information	Littleton only clears a portion of the sidewalks, mostly the direct routes to schools and the business districts. Not all neighborhood sidewalks are cleared. Littleton clears approximately 14 miles of sidewalk.
Municipality	Longmeadow
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$25
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$25
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Lowell
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops--Snow must be cleared by 1 p.m. the next day if it stops after 6 p.m. at night.
Fine for homeowners	\$100 per offense
Businesses responsible	Yes

When must businesses shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops--Snow must be cleared by 1 p.m. the next day if it stops after 6 p.m. at night.
Fine for businesses	\$100 per offense
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town only clears sidewalks that are on walking routes to schools or in the downtown area.

Municipality Ludlow

Municipality Lunenburg

Municipality Lynn

Homeowner responsible Yes

When must homeowners shovel? 10 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops if during the day

Fine for homeowners \$50 per day

Businesses responsible Yes

When must businesses shovel? 3 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day

Fine for businesses \$50 per day

Municipality responsible No

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Other information Lynn's Department of Inspectional Services handles snow shoveling tickets. They can be reached at 781-598-4000.

Municipality Lynnfield

Homeowner responsible Yes

When must homeowners shovel? No maximum

Fine for homeowners No fine

Businesses responsible Yes

When must businesses shovel? No maximum

Fine for businesses No fine

Municipality responsible Yes

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Other information The town clears approximately 22 miles of sidewalk.

Municipality	Malden
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	The cost of snow removal and a fine of up to \$200
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	The cost of snow removal and a fine of up to \$200
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Sidewalks should be cleared to a maximum of 36 inches wide.

Municipality	Manchester
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows many of the sidewalks in town. There are some sidewalks that are outside the downtown area or are too narrow which do not get plowed.

Municipality	Mansfield
Municipality responsible	Sometimes

Municipality	Marblehead
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	Once the streets are cleared

Municipality	Marion
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A

Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town typically clears the village first, then expands if time and resources allow.

Municipality Marlborough

Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops if during the day, before noon the next day if it stops during the night
Fine for homeowners	Between \$2–10 for each offense

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	12 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops if during the day, before noon the next day if it stops during the night
Fine for businesses	Between \$2–10 for each offense

Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality Marshfield

Municipality	Mashpee
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	After the roads have been cleared

Municipality	Mattapoisett
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A

Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Mattapoisett currently has no snow removal policies for sidewalks.

Municipality	Maynard
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	As soon as possible after the storm ends.
Other information	The town only clears sidewalks that are not abutted by private property and main walking routes to school and the Central Business District.

Municipality	Medfield
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows walking route sidewalks to schools and the downtown sidewalks.

Municipality	Medford
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$25 for the first offense, then \$50 per day
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$25 for the first offense, then \$50 per day
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Other information Property owners must also clear openings at corners, crosswalks, and curb cuts so pedestrians can cross safely.

Municipality Medway

Municipality responsible Sometimes

When does municipality shovel? After snowfall or precipitation stops and street plowing is finished

Other information The town will plow sidewalks on walking routes to school, but is not required to sand or salt sidewalks.

Municipality Melrose

Homeowner responsible No

When must homeowners shovel? N/A

Fine for homeowners N/A

Businesses responsible Yes

When must businesses shovel? 6 daylight hours after snowfall or precipitation stops.

Fine for businesses \$50

Municipality responsible Sometimes

When does municipality shovel? 48 or longer after snowfall or precipitation has stopped.

Other information Once the streets are clear, the town clears the sidewalks for school routes and in the business district.-- Residents are strongly encouraged to clear off their sidewalks.

Municipality Mendon

Municipality Merrimac

Homeowner responsible No

When must homeowners shovel? N/A

Fine for homeowners N/A

Businesses responsible No

When must businesses shovel? N/A

Fine for businesses N/A

Municipality responsible Sometimes

When does municipality shovel? No minimum

Other information The town takes care of the crosswalks downtown.--Residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to clear off their sidewalks. New bylaws are forthcoming.

Municipality	Methuen
Municipality	Middleborough
Municipality	Middlefield
Municipality	Middleton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears the sidewalks along the main roads and school routes.
Municipality	Milford
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$10
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$10
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears approximately 20 of the 40 miles of sidewalk.
Municipality	Millbury
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	Once the storm ends and street plowing and salting are complete
Other information	The town plows sidewalks starting at the high school and moving towards the center of town.

Municipality	Millis
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town only clears sidewalks along routes that the school asks to be plowed.

Municipality	Millville
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Municipality	Milton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears snow from a predetermined number of sidewalks. These sidewalks are typically located along high-volume streets in areas near schools. Property owners are advised to clear their own sidewalks, but are not required to.

Municipality	Monroe
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Monson
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	72 hours after snowfall or precipitation has stopped.
Other information	For a full list of sidewalks maintained by the town, check Monson's snow removal page.

Municipality	Montague
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$20 for the first offense, \$35 for the second offense, and \$50 for each subsequent offense (each 24-hour period constitutes a separate offense)
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$20 for the first offense, \$35 for the second offense, and \$50 for each subsequent offense (each 24-hour period constitutes a separate offense)
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Monterey
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town does not have sidewalks.

Municipality	Montgomery
Municipality	Mount Washington
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A

When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town does not have sidewalks.
Municipality	Nahant
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town only plows public ways.
Municipality	Nantucket
Municipality	Natick
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears snow from about 41 miles of sidewalk (which is roughly 1/3 of the total 135 miles of sidewalk). These sidewalks are within business districts, near schools, and along other key pedestrian routes.
Municipality	Needham
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	5 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset

Fine for businesses	No more than \$50 per offense
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	Once snow and ice depths reach 4"
Other information	The town plows 52 miles of sidewalk on school walking routes and sometimes the downtown business district in the event of an emergency.

Municipality	New Ashford
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	New Washford has no sidewalks.

Municipality	New Bedford
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before 11 a.m. the next day if it stops overnight
Fine for homeowners	\$50
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before 11 a.m. the next day if it stops overnight
Fine for businesses	\$50
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	New Braintree
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A

When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	New Braintree has no sidewalks.

Municipality	New Marlborough
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Municipality	New Salem
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	New Salem has no public sidewalks.

Municipality	Newbury
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Municipality	Newburyport
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before noon the next day if it stops overnight
Fine for homeowners	\$50
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before noon the next day if it stops overnight
Fine for businesses	\$50
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks near schools, in the downtown areas, and on city-owned property.

Municipality	Newton
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	30 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	30 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Other information	The town clears 54 miles of sidewalk, with a focus on school routes and areas with heavy traffic.-- Residents who are unable to clear the sidewalks in front of their homes may apply for an exemption.

Municipality	Norfolk
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After the main roads have been cleared.
Other information	The town focuses on school routes and main streets first, then moves on to what they can.--Residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to help by clearing the sidewalks in front of their buildings.

Municipality	North Adams
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Municipality	North Andover
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes

When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks around the schools and the business district.
Municipality	North Attleborough
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks on main roads that provide access to schools and in the downtown area.
Municipality	North Brookfield
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	North Reading
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	Warning for first offense, \$50 for the second offense, \$100 for the third offense--Each day or part of a day during which an offense continues constitutes a separate offense
Municipality	Northampton

Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$50
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$50
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The city plows only the city-owned sidewalks that abut city buildings, parks, bridges, and bike ways.

Municipality	Northborough
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Northbridge
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Northfield
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops

Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Property owners are required to clear the sidewalks along Main Street, Holton Street, Parker Avenue, Highland Avenue, and-Mt. Hermon Station Road, from W. Northfield Road north to the Vermont line.

Municipality	Norton
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town only clears the sidewalks leading to schools.

Municipality	Norwell
Homeowner responsible	NO
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	NO
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	SOME*
When does municipality shovel?	No minimum
Other information	Town plows the sidewalk along Route 53, Grove Street, and High Street.--Residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to clear the sidewalks in front of their buildings.

Municipality	Norwood
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	Within 6 hours of daylight once snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes

When does municipality shovel? Once the storm has ended and roads have been plowed

Other information The town plows 31 miles of sidewalk, mainly near schools, Norwood Center, and Washington Street through South Norwood.

Municipality Oak Bluffs

Municipality Oakham

Homeowner responsible N/A

When must homeowners shovel? N/A

Fine for homeowners N/A

Businesses responsible N/A

When must businesses shovel? N/A

Fine for businesses N/A

Municipality responsible N/A

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Other information Oakham has no public sidewalks.

Municipality Orange

Homeowner responsible Yes

When must homeowners shovel? 24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops

Fine for homeowners \$50

Businesses responsible Yes

When must businesses shovel? 24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops

Fine for businesses \$50

Municipality responsible No

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Municipality Orleans

Municipality Otis

Homeowner responsible No

When must homeowners shovel? N/A

Fine for homeowners N/A

Businesses responsible No

When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Municipality	Oxford
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Municipality	Palmer
Municipality	Paxton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town clears a small section of sidewalk from the town center to Paxton Center School on Route 31.
Municipality	Peabody
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Sometimes

When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	There is an ordinance that lists certain areas within the downtown Peabody area, part of-Andover Street/Route 114, and part of County Street at Lynn Street where business owners are-required to clear their sidewalks of snow.

Municipality	Pelham
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town does not have sidewalks.

Municipality	Pembroke
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town only clears sidewalks near schools and the center of town.

Municipality	Pepperell
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A

Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town takes care of the sidewalks. The town plows or snow blows them after the storm and follows up again the next day where needed.

Municipality	Peru
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Peru has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Petersham
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Municipality	Phillipston
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Pittsfield
Homeowner responsible	Yes

When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	Fine determined upon violation
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	Fine determined upon violation
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Sidewalks should be cleared to a width of 36 inches.

Municipality	Plainfield
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Plainville
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	As quickly as weather permits
Other information	The town removes snow from all town sidewalks but does not remove snow from sidewalks within sub-divisions.

Municipality	Plymouth
Homeowner responsible	SOME*

When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops.
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Property owners within one mile from the shoreline from Jabez Corner to the Kingston line are required to clear the walks in front of their buildings.

Municipality	Plympton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Town clears the downtown sidewalks after most storms over 2 inches. The town does not plow the sidewalks in residential subdivisions.

Municipality	Princeton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	There are very few sidewalks in Princeton.

Municipality	Provincetown
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Municipality	Quincy
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A

Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
Other information	Residents are strongly encouraged to shovel in front of their buildings.--The town focuses on the sidewalks leading to schools, business, and MBTA stops.

Municipality	Randolph
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks on main roads, but not in industrial parks.

Municipality	Raynham
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After all of the roads have been cleared.
Other information	Following snowplow operations on the streets, sidewalk plowing in the school zones will begin.-- Sidewalks in residential subdivisions will not be plowed at all by the town, regardless of the amount of snow on the sidewalk.

Municipality	Reading
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A

Fine for businesses	No
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows approximately 45 miles of sidewalks, including all areas in the downtown and train/public transportation areas, as well as all school sidewalk areas.

Municipality	Rehoboth
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
Other information	Rehoboth does not have any public sidewalks. The custodians at the schools clear their sidewalks, and the town clears the ones outside of town buildings.

Municipality	Revere
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Municipality	Richmond
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Rochester
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Municipality	Rockland
Homeowner responsible	No

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Downtown businesses are asked to clear out the sidewalks in front of their buildings.--The town clears out school routes first, then downtown routes.

Municipality	Rockport
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	As soon as practical
Fine for homeowners	\$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$300 for the third and subsequent offenses
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	As soon as practical
Fine for businesses	\$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$300 for the third and subsequent offenses
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Rowe
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Municipality	Rowley
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows the downtown sidewalks and school routes.

Municipality	Royalston
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Royalston has a very limited amount of sidewalks. When the streets are completed, the town will clear and-treat sidewalks, municipal buildings, and parking lots.

Municipality	Russell
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Municipality	Rutland
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Salem
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops or the city's snow emergency lights are turned off, whichever time is later, during the day--If the snow stops falling and the snow emergency lights are turned off during the night, before noon the next day
Fine for homeowners	\$25 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense, \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops or the city's snow emergency lights are turned off, whichever time is later, during the day--If the snow stops falling and the snow emergency lights are turned off during the night, before noon the next day
Fine for businesses	\$25 for first offense, \$75 for second offense, \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses

Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After all of the roads have been cleared
Other information	The city clears designated sidewalks following each storm.

Municipality	Salisbury
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After all of the roads have been cleared.
Other information	The Town plows approximately 3 miles of sidewalk. Main streets, collector streets, and schools receive priority attention.--Residents are strongly encouraged to shovel the walks adjacent to their property to ensure safe pedestrian passage.

Municipality	Sandisfield
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Municipality	Sandwich
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows 16.5 miles of sidewalk, including all town-owned sidewalk, which includes those in front of businesses.

Municipality	Saugus
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A

Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears out the sidewalks, focusing on the school routes first.

Municipality	Savoy
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Savoy has no sidewalks.--Highway Department Contact Info: -(413) 743-1286

Municipality	Scituate
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Most businesses clear their sidewalks on their own and don't wait for the town. The town asks that the business owners clear their entrance ways. If they fail to do so they are reminded, but no fine is imposed.

Municipality	Seekonk
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A

Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears most of the sidewalks.

Municipality	Sharon
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows 44 miles of sidewalk, mainly near schools and in the downtown area, but the town does not clear sidewalks in residential neighborhoods.

Municipality	Sheffield
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Municipality	Shelburne
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Municipality	Sherborn
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows most of the sidewalks.

Municipality	Shirley
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine

Municipality	Shrewsbury
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows approximately 24 miles of sidewalk, which is located within the business area and on key walking routes for schools along the main roads.

Municipality	Shutesbury
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
Other information	The town does not have sidewalks.

Municipality	Somerset
Homeowner responsible	Yes

When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Somerville
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	By 10 p.m. if snow starts falling after sunrise, by 10 a.m. if snow starts falling after sunset
Fine for homeowners	\$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, \$200 for the third offense
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	By 10 p.m. if snow starts falling after sunrise, by 10 a.m. if snow starts falling after sunset
Fine for businesses	\$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, \$200 for the third offense
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	South Hadley
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows sidewalks in areas designated by the Selectboard each year.
Municipality	Southampton
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$10 per day

Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$10 per day
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Southborough
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows most sidewalks.
Municipality	Southbridge
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses in the same calendar year
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses in the same calendar year
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Southwick
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$25 per offense
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$25 per offense
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Spencer

Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The municipality clears all sidewalks.

Municipality	Springfield
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$50 per offense
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$50 per offense
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Sterling
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears sidewalks in the immediate downtown area.

Municipality	Stockbridge
Homeowner responsible	No

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows most of the sidewalks.

Municipality	Stoneham
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	5 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	Between \$50–200
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town plows about 30 miles of sidewalk along designated routes. Business owners in the downtown area are required to clear the sidewalks in front of their business.

Municipality	Stoughton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Stow
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum

Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town does not have many sidewalks.

Municipality	Sturbridge
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No more than \$10
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	48 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No more than \$10
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	This law applies to sidewalks that are situated within the limits of the highways or town ways. The town may waive enforcement of this bylaw for sidewalks located within a state highway layout in the event of extraordinary conditions.

Municipality	Sudbury
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	A few days
Other information	The town plows the sidewalks around schools, on Route 20, and by businesses.

Municipality	Sunderland
Homeowner responsible	No

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Sutton
Homeowner responsible	No
Businesses responsible	No
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears a few sidewalks in the town center.

Municipality	Swampscott
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Swansea
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes

When does municipality shovel? The day after snowfall or precipitation has stopped

Other information The town does not have many sidewalks, but it maintains the ones it does have near town buildings and schools.

Municipality Taunton

Municipality Templeton

Other information The Templeton Highway Department distributes a pamphlet titled "A Resident's Guide to Winter Snow Removal Operations and Procedures."

Municipality Tewksbury

Homeowner responsible No

When must homeowners shovel? N/A

Fine for homeowners N/A

Businesses responsible No

When must businesses shovel? N/A

Fine for businesses N/A

Municipality responsible No

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Other information The town clears sidewalks that the school department has identified. Other sidewalks have been added to the list on a case-by-case basis, but in general, the town does not clear sidewalks.

Municipality Tisbury

Homeowner responsible Yes

When must homeowners shovel? 4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before 11 a.m. the next day if it stops during the night.

Fine for homeowners \$50 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense, \$100 for the third and any subsequent offenses

Businesses responsible Yes

When must businesses shovel? 4 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during the day, before 11 a.m. the next day if it stops during the night.

Fine for businesses \$50 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense, \$100 for the third and any subsequent offenses

Municipality responsible No

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Municipality Tolland

Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Topsfield
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Topsfield generally maintains school routes.

Municipality	Townsend
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town clears the sidewalks in the center of town near the schools.

Municipality	Truro
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Municipality	Tyngsborough
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears a few sidewalks in the center of town, around the schools, and on Lakeview Ave.

Municipality Tyngsborough

Municipality	Upton
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Upton usually maintains the sidewalks to school busses.

Municipality Uxbridge

Municipality responsible	Sometimes
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Municipality	Wakefield
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum

Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After the roads have been plowed
Other information	The town will plow sidewalks along central routes near schools.

Municipality	Wales
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Walpole
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Walpole typically maintains about 50 miles of sidewalks, including routes to schools, buses, and the commuter rail.

Municipality	Waltham
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine

Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Tenants or occupants of properties located on the streets listed on the website must clear their sidewalks within 24 hours. It is suggested that all other tenants and occupants clear their sidewalks, but they do not have to.

Municipality	Ware
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No more than \$100
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No more than \$100
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	No one will be prosecuted for any offense against any of these provisions unless a complaint for them is instituted within 3 months of the offense.

Municipality	Wareham
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Municipality	Warren
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears those sidewalks they can access.

Municipality	Warwick
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A

Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Warwick has only one public sidewalk, which is not cleared in the winter.

Municipality	Washington
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Washington does not have sidewalks.

Municipality	Watertown
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	2 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops during business hours or by the beginning of business hours the following day
Fine for businesses	Warning for a first offense, \$25 for a second offense, and \$50 for the third and consecutive offenses during a calendar year
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Wayland
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After roads have been plowed
Other information	The town plows selected sidewalks and school zones.

Municipality	Webster
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Wellesley
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Wellesley plows roughly 60 miles of sidewalk. The town does not require homeowners to clear snow from these 60 miles.

Municipality	Wellfleet
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Wellfleet only has about a mile of sidewalk which is usually cleared by the town after 3 or more inches of snow have fallen.

Municipality	Wendell
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Town does not have sidewalks.

Municipality	Wenham
Other information	The town will only maintain sidewalks after the fire station, police station, school, library, and town office parking areas have been plowed. Sidewalks will be prioritized by usage and the Buker School area.

Municipality	West Boylston
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears some sidewalks, mainly around the town center and schools.

Municipality	West Bridgewater
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	West Brookfield
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A

Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears some sidewalks after storms using a small plow.

Municipality West Newbury

Municipality	West Springfield
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$50 per offense
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$50 per offense
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	In the business district where the town plows the snow up onto the sidewalks, it will return and clear those areas so people can walk around and park their cars.

Municipality West Stockbridge

Municipality	West Tisbury
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum

Municipality	Westborough
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Residents should clear all sidewalks to a width of at least 24 inches.

Municipality	Westfield
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$25
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$25
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Westford
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Residents are encouraged to clear sidewalks in front of their property.

Municipality	Westhampton
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Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The only sidewalks are those in front of public buildings. These are cleared by the town.

Municipality	Westminster
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Weston
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Weston removes snow from a list of sidewalks near where children walk to school or adults walk to the commuter rail stations. Not all town sidewalks are cleared. The town clears sidewalks in front of commercial businesses as soon as possible.

Municipality	Westport
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Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Westwood
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	No maximum
Fine for businesses	No fine
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After the roads have been plowed
Other information	The town will clear all sidewalks used to walk to schools, businesses, and public transportation. Property owners must clear sidewalks that are not in the town sidewalk route.

Municipality	Weymouth
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town clears some sidewalks near schools.

Municipality	Whately
Homeowner responsible	No

When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	The town has very few sidewalks, and they are not cleared in the winter.

Municipality	Whitman
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	3 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset
Fine for businesses	No more than \$50 per offense
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After the streets have been plowed
Other information	The town will plow sidewalks along central routes that are heavily traveled by children on their way to school and in the downtown business areas. The list of these sidewalks can be found on the town website.

Municipality	Wilbraham
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Williamsburg
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$50 per storm
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall stops

Fine for businesses	\$50 per storm
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Williamstown
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Yes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	Williams College plows their own sidewalks and some town sidewalks where their offices are located.

Municipality	Wilmington
Homeowner responsible	Sometimes
When must homeowners shovel?	No maximum
Fine for homeowners	No fine
Businesses responsible	Sometimes
When must businesses shovel?	24 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	No more than \$50 per offense
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	After the roads have been plowed
Other information	The town will plow sidewalks along central routes that are heavily traveled by children on their way to school. The owner or occupant of any business should keep the sidewalks adjoining their premises clear of snow and ice.

Municipality	Winchendon
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	No
When must businesses shovel?	N/A

Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	Sometimes
When does municipality shovel?	No maximum
Other information	The town is responsible for removing snow and ice from downtown sidewalks.

Municipality	Winchester
Homeowner responsible	No
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	5 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset on a business day
Fine for businesses	No more than \$10 per offense
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A

Municipality	Windsor
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	Windsor has no sidewalks.

Municipality	Winthrop
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset.
Fine for homeowners	\$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	6 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset
Fine for businesses	\$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, \$100 for the third and subsequent offenses

Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Woburn
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	2 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset, before 10 a.m. the next day if snow stops falling overnight (check link to see if this applies to your street).
Fine for homeowners	No more than \$50 (check link to see if this applies to your street).
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	2 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops between sunrise and sunset, before 10 a.m. the next day if snow stops falling overnight (check link to see if this applies to your street).
Fine for businesses	No more than \$50 (check link to see if this applies to your street).
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Municipality	Worcester
Homeowner responsible	Yes
When must homeowners shovel?	10 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for homeowners	\$75 per day
Businesses responsible	Yes
When must businesses shovel?	10 hours after snowfall or precipitation stops
Fine for businesses	\$75 per day
Municipality responsible	No
When does municipality shovel?	N/A
Other information	See link for additional regulations.
Municipality	Worthington
Homeowner responsible	N/A
When must homeowners shovel?	N/A
Fine for homeowners	N/A
Businesses responsible	N/A
When must businesses shovel?	N/A
Fine for businesses	N/A
Municipality responsible	N/A

When does municipality shovel? N/A

Other information Worthington has no sidewalks.

Municipality Wrentham

Municipality Yarmouth

Homeowner responsible Sometimes

When must homeowners shovel? No maximum

Fine for homeowners No fine

Businesses responsible Sometimes

When must businesses shovel? No maximum

Fine for businesses No fine

Municipality responsible Sometimes

When does municipality shovel? After the roads have been plowed

Other information The town plows sidewalks on town or state roads. The town does not plow sidewalks in private developments or condominiums. The town clears high-priority sidewalks first, including the sidewalks on Route 28 and those near the schools on Station Ave.

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