

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)  
Act 300 of 1949**

**257.677a Obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice, or slush prohibited.**

Sec. 677a.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Person" shall not include the state or a political subdivision of the state or an employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state operating within the scope of his duties.

(b) "Safety vision" means an unobstructed line of sight enabling a driver to travel upon, enter, or exit a roadway in a safe manner.

(2) A person shall not remove, or cause to be removed, snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle other than off-road vehicles.

(3) A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safe vision or passage of the driver of a motor vehicle.

(4) A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.

**History:** Add. 1978, Act 82, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1978.  
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**Criteria for snow removal:**

Generally, after hours plowing operations begin when slippery conditions exist or snow levels reach about three inches on most major roads. If snow continues to fall or is predicted, the snow removal crews are prepared to respond accordingly. When snow has fallen during the night, plowing begins at 4 a.m., or when the police department deems it necessary, so the roads will be as clear as possible by the time you start for school or work. If weather or driving conditions warrant, DPS staff works with the City of Hillsdale Police Department to handle emergency situations.

**Department of Public Services  
Monday through Friday  
7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
(517) 437-6490**

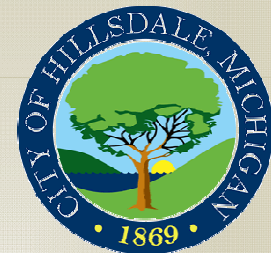
To report a winter street condition emergency when the Department of Public Services is closed, please call the City of Hillsdale Police Department:  
(517) 437-6481  
Or 9-1-1

# SNOW REMOVAL

Keeping City of Hillsdale Streets Safe

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**DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SERVICES  
CITY OF HILLSDALE**

## Sidewalks

We at times experience heavy snowfall during the winter. With the snow come concerns about the safe passage of our citizens on public sidewalks within the city.

**City ordinance requires that sidewalks be cleared of snow and ice for the full width of the walk. It is the responsibility of the property owner and occupant to clear such accumulation from walkways within twenty-four (24) hours of a snowfall. Please remember, snow may not be pushed into the street.**

## Business Owners:

Please keep the sidewalks adjacent to your business clear of snow obstructions. Keeping your sidewalks clear of snow allows better access to your business and may protect you from a slip and fall liability. Pile snow around nearby fixtures, i.e.: trash cans, benches, etc. **Do not push snow on the street.**

## Downtown Property Owners:

Central Business District property owners have a greater responsibility to keep sidewalks clear from snow accumulation. Keeping downtown sidewalks clear of snow will invite increased pedestrian traffic and add to the vitality of the Downtown.

**Also, if you contract with a snow removal service, make sure the snowplow drivers DO NOT pile snow from your parking lot onto the public sidewalks, alleys, or streets creating an unsafe obstruction for citizens utilizing the walkways or drivers' lines of sight.**

## Homeowners:

Removing the snow from your property is not only neighborly, it is required for public safety. City sidewalks in residential areas are used often by school children, neighbors, family and friends. Keeping the public sidewalks and ramps clear protects everyone from a potential slip and fall injury and may protect you from civil action resulting from such an injury claim.

### Department of Public Services

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## Abandoned Cars:

Cars abandoned in the right-of-way that interfere with the DPS's snow plowing equipment will be towed. To avoid stalled cars during the winter, residents are advised to keep cars in good working condition and not attempt to drive through drifts. It is unlawful to park, leave unattended or fail to remove any motor vehicle or trailer on any public street, highway, parking lot or alleyway, or cause to remain parked after a snowfall and/or drifting snow of four inches or more, prior to the removal by city plowing of said street.

## Damage to mailboxes, posts, and landscape:

Mailboxes and posts in good condition generally withstand the force of snow plowed against them.

DPS regrets any damage to mailboxes and/or supports occurring as a result of road maintenance activities. By law, City of Hillsdale DPS has no legal responsibility for personal property claims while in the course of its governmental function. DPS will not assume responsibility for mailbox damage that may be caused by snow/ice that is being plowed from the roadway.

## The Snow Route System:

Snow removal priorities:

1. Highway/Emergency Route
2. Schools/Major Streets/City Parking Lots
3. Local Streets/Street Side Parking/Parks & Cemeteries