

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN



# Sidewalk Snow Removal

On May 29, 2018, the South Kingstown Town Council adopted an ordinance that requires all owners of property adjacent to a public sidewalk to clear the sidewalk of snow and/or treat it for ice, within 12 hours after the cessation of a snow/ ice event. Failure to remove snow and/or treat ice after the above noted time period will subject the property owner to enforcement actions, including a fine of up to \$175.

Each year the director of public services is required to publish a list of “priority” sidewalks. These sidewalks have been identified as critical pedestrian access route to schools or essential services. Owners of properties that abut priority sidewalks who fail to remove snow and ice maybe be subject to both a fine and the cost of snow removal or ice treatment incurred by the town. The owners of properties that abut a priority sidewalk have 12 hours after the succession of the storm to remove snow and/or treat ice. After that time, the town will shovel and treat the area and will bill the abutting property owner for the costs.

The following streets have been designated as priority sidewalks for the 2018-2019 winter season:

- Broad Rock Road
- Church Street
- Columbia Street
- High Street
- Kersey Road
- Kingstown Road (Route 108)
- Main Street
- Old Tower Hill Road
- Railroad Street (Peace Dale)
- Sweet Fern Lane

Exemptions for elderly residents (age 62 or older), disabled residents, or residents with an employment hardship will be considered by the Town Manager’s office at (401) 789-9331 ext 1201. The sidewalk snow removal ordinance is available on the Town’s website at [www.southkingstownri.com](http://www.southkingstownri.com).

This ordinance is not intended to be punitive, but was adopted by the Town Council to provide a safer and more walkable community during the winter season.