



# Town of Rising Sun

## How to be Building & Code Compliant

### Snow & Storm Debris Removal

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The Town of Rising Sun reminds all property owners of their responsibility to ensure sidewalks are clear of snow, ice, and storm debris. Below are the requirements as outlined in Section 302.15 of the Town's Property Maintenance and Minimum Housing Code.

## Summary of the Requirements:

### Who is Responsible?

All property owners with sidewalks abutting public highways or common alleys are required to comply with these regulations.

**Timeframes for Removal:** The Town recognizes that larger objects or significant snow will require more time for removal. Anyone struggling to remove storm debris, snow or ice are encouraged to contact Town Hall to work out a reasonable time frame for removal.

### Storm Debris

- **Small items** (up to 5 feet in length or circumference, weighing 50 lbs or less, or total debris under 50 lbs): Must be removed within **24 hours** after the storm ends.
- **Large items** (exceeding the small item criteria): Must be removed within **72 hours**, unless an extension is granted by the Town.

### Snow

- **12 inches or less:** Remove within **24 hours** after the final snowfall.
- **12 to 18 inches:** Remove within **48 hours** after the final snowfall.
- **18 to 24 inches:** Remove within **72 hours** after the final snowfall.
- **24 to 36 inches:** Remove within **96 hours** after the final snowfall.
- **Over 36 inches:** Removal timeline will be established and posted by the Town.

## Additional Requirements

### 1. Ice on Sidewalks

- Dangerous ice must be dealt with immediately and treated with ashes, sand, sawdust, or another suitable abrasive material to ensure safe footing until it can be fully removed.

### 2. Fire Hydrants and Access Roads

- Fire hydrants and fire department access roads must remain clear of snow, ice, objects, and debris. This is the property owner's responsibility as part of the above timelines.

### 3. Placement of Snow and Debris

- Removed snow and debris must be placed on the owner's property.
- Excess snow may be placed in the area between the sidewalk and the curb line, but **not in the street or public way**.
- **No snow, ice, or debris may be placed into the street** after it has been plowed by the Town.

## **Penalties for Non-Compliance**

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in in the issuance of citations and fines. The imposition of the penalties herein prescribed shall not preclude the Town from instituting appropriate action to restrain, correct or abate a violation and are charges and cost associated with the abatement to be charged to the property owner

**Stay Safe This Winter!** By following these guidelines, we ensure safe and accessible sidewalks for all residents and visitors. Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact us if you have any questions