

### **8.01.300 Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.**

**It is the duty of the owner or occupant of property adjacent to any sidewalk within the city to remove snow and ice on such sidewalks within twelve hours after daylight and after snow has ceased to fall. ('71 Code, § 26-29) Penalty, see § 8.01.990**

**Sidewalks** as stated above, When you are clearing your walk, imagine what it would be like jogging, walking a dog, pushing a stroller or using a wheelchair on that surface. Would you feel safe? Be sure to apply ice-melting agents or sand to stubborn, slippery spots.

If you are shoveling or snow-blowing the entrance to your **driveway**, the Street Department has this helpful tip: Wait until the streets are plowed before removing the snow at the very end of your driveway. Snow that is being pushed down the street by the snowplow has a tendency to roll off into open spots such as intersections and cleared driveway approaches, so you may actually have less snow to clear in the long run if you wait for the plows to pass. When shoveling snow off your driveway, do not place it back in the street, as it creates a road hazard. Instead, shovel excess snow into your yard or the sides of your driveway.

**Parked cars** should be moved if there is enough snow that the snowplows are out. If there is a snow emergency, residents are legally required to move parked cars off the street so larger vehicles, such as plows and emergency vehicles can safely navigate the streets.

The Fire Department asks your help in clearing snow from around **fire hydrants**. If you have a fire hydrant near your home, please take the time to help make it easily visible from the street.

We make every effort to remove snow as close to the curb as practical to provide access to **mailboxes** for postal carriers. However, it is not always possible. Therefore, the final cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

Drivers should use extreme caution after a snowfall. Give yourself plenty of room to stop or to make a turn. Also, don't forget to clear snow and ice from the **headlights** and all the windows of your vehicle to increase visibility.

If you have questions about snow removal in Lafayette, contact the Street Department at 807-1410.

*Thank you for your help!*