



# Village of Lake Odessa

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## Attention Village Residents:

We want to extend a friendly reminder about the importance of keeping our community's sidewalks clear of snow and ice. We are fortunate to live in a walkable community, and your cooperation is essential to ensuring our town remains safe and accessible for everyone. Clearing your sidewalks provides a safe path for children walking to and from school or bus stops, our postal carriers and delivery drivers and residents with limited mobility.

If you see a neighbor who needs assistance, please consider lending them a hand. We encourage you to connect with a business who offers snowplow services if you are not a year-round resident. Please refer to our local Village Ordinance Chapter 28-Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places located in Sec.28-34. – Snow, ice, obstructions and refuse. All Village Ordinances can be found at [www.lakeodessa.org](http://www.lakeodessa.org) or a physical copy can be provided by stopping into the Page Memorial building.

**Duty to maintain.** No person having the care, either as owner or occupant of any house, building or lot, shall permit any snow, ice, dirt, rubbish, including broken bottles and glass, filth, obstruction, or other articles, or any nuisance, to remain upon the sidewalks in front of such house, building or lot for longer than 24 hours; and when ice is formed on any sidewalk, the owner or occupant of the abutting premises shall, within 12 hours after ice has formed, cause such ice to be removed or cause salt, sawdust, sand, or other abrasive material to be strewn thereon.

**Abatement.** If the owner or occupant of any lot, lots or premises neglects or refuses to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) within the stated time period, then the village manager or his/her designee may remove, or cause to be removed, said snow, ice, dirt, rubbish, filth, obstruction or other articles, or any nuisance, at the expense of the owner or occupant, and the amount of all expenses incurred thereby shall be billed to the owner.

The Village has entered into an agreement with a local contractor to assist with clearing sidewalks.

Property owners found in non-compliance with sidewalk snow and ice removal regulations may be charged as follows:

\$100.00 per straight sidewalk clearing and \$60.00 for salt as needed.

\$175.00 per corner sidewalk clearing and \$80.00 for salt as needed.

Charges for abatement shall become a lien upon the premises. Whenever a bill for such charges has been rendered and remains unpaid by May 1 of the following calendar year, the treasurer may add the expense of abatement and the late fee to the next real property tax notice for the premises, which amounts shall become delinquent if unpaid by the due date for payment of such tax and shall then bear interest at the same rate as the tax.

Please contact the Village office at (616) 374-7110 if you have any questions or concerns.