



Corning's Gaffer District's Snow Removal Policies and Responsibilities



Doing Business in Upstate NY implies that we need to deal with unknown amounts of snowfall. While the fluffy stuff can be picturesque, the accumulation can be a nightmare for our pedestrians and customers. In order to maintain a safe environment during the winter season, this document outlines the roles and responsibilities of each of us to keep our sidewalks safe and clean during and after snowfall.

Building Owner's Responsibilities: Building owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks free and clear of snow and ice. *(Code of the City of Corning)*

Building Owner and First Floor Business Owner's Responsibilities: Building owners and business owners are urged to follow correct procedures when piling snow in the snow storage area of the sidewalk, (snow should be mounded around the trees), to minimize the amount of snow placed where the sidewalk is open for passage of pedestrians from vehicles.

Snow should never be placed in the street until notification is received that a pick-up will take place that day/evening. Property owners and business owners are urged to use Econo Blend Blue Ice Melter, distributed by Vasco Brands Inc., to melt snow and ice on the brick sidewalks. Vasco Brands is located in Elmira, NY and their phone number is 733-5566.

Corning's Gaffer District's Responsibilities:

The Gaffer District underwrites the cost of plowing a single blade width along District sidewalks. This includes a clearance of crosswalks both at corner intersections, and at mid-block crossings. Snow will be placed along the curb within the three-foot area beginning at the curb which is designated for snow storage. This area is the same used by the City for storage of snow from the street.

The Gaffer District will contract for the removal of the snow piles in the snow storage area as funds permit (approx. 2 – 3 times a yr.). A single removal of snow can cost the Gaffer District up to \$4,500. This removal will be coordinated with the City of Corning's Department of Public Works (DPW) so the snow, once placed in the street, can be removed by the Department.

Upon notification from the DPW that a snow date has been selected for removal of snow from the District, Corning's Gaffer District's Administration Staff will notify the merchants within the District of the need to have the snow pushed in the street for pick-up.

We require appropriate safeguards to protect the surface of the brick sidewalk, including rubber tipped blades for equipment coming in contact with the sidewalks. Snow will not be removed from three feet on either side of the trees to minimize the risk of damage to the trees. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe and pleasant District for our pedestrians and customers.

Current Policy 10.6.09



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PLEASE REMEMBER: *Corning's Gaffer District's Maintenance Crew is responsible for snow and ice removal from property including Centerway Parking Garage, Centerway Square, the Walking Bridge and the brick area between the Clock Tower and the Parking Garage. It is not the responsibility of the Gaffer Crew to salt the public sidewalks.*

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