

# SNOW & ICE REMOVAL FOR AN ACCESSIBLE SANTA FE

Let's make our city safe and disability-friendly!

During the winter months, snow and ice removal is critical to the lives of community members with disabilities because it maintains access to sidewalks, bus stops, curb ramps, accessible parking spots, and access aisles providing a walking path to accessible parking spots.

Accumulated snow and ice make it challenging and sometimes impossible for folks who use wheelchairs, crutches, or other mobility aides to accomplish daily tasks like using public transit, going grocery shopping, getting to work, and keeping appointments. Snow and ice can also cause folks to be trapped inside their homes or vehicles.

#### It's the Law

The City of Santa Fe and the Americans with Disabilities Act require snow and ice removal from crucial access points to ensure safety for community members who use mobility aids.

### For Businesses

<u>Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act</u> requires any covered business to remove snow and ice to maintain accessible features including accessible parking spaces and an accessible route from the parking space to the main entrance, as well as clear access aisles, curb cuts, and sidewalks. A business must also maintain an accessible route from a bus stop to its entrance.

## **For Neighbors**

<u>Santa Fe Municipal Code 23-1.8</u> requires owners, agents, or occupants of any property to keep the sidewalks and gutters in front of and adjoining their property clean of snow and ice. After any fall of snow, snow and ice must be immediately removed from the sidewalks and gutters fronting and adjoining their respective lots or parts of lots.

## **Reporting Snow and Ice**

City of Santa Fe Constituent Services

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