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### **SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS**

As the winter season sets in, the City of Sisters wishes to provide some information and reminders about snow removal practices. Keeping sidewalks clear not only helps make sidewalks safer, but promotes the business environment. People will simply not come to town if they perceive the walking conditions as dangerous.

- Responsibility for snow removal in private parking lots belongs to the property owner. When you are having this done, please remember to keep open access to your garbage dumpster or container.
- Snow removal within the parking area(s) in front of businesses is the adjacent property owner's responsibility. The city will focus its limited resources on plowing travel lanes and keeping them open.
- When plowing the parking area in front of your business, be mindful of dry wells. Some have been covered with snow mounds and will be blocked when the snow starts to melt. This will create unnecessary flooding. Snow mounds can also reduce visibility to adjacent streets, alleyways and sidewalks.
- Responsibility for shoveling and/or de-icing sidewalks also belongs to the adjacent property owner. You will get to the sidewalk in front of your business much faster than we can. City ordinance requires sidewalks to be shoveled (or de-iced) within 6 hours of daylight following the snowfall (or ice event). As you clear your sidewalks, remember to also clear the sidewalk in the curb extensions, all the way to the street. Make connections with your neighbors, so there is not a gap between your property and theirs. This will vastly improve connectivity and make for a safer town for everyone to enjoy.
- When we plow city streets, it is difficult to create a driveway access to every home and business, and still complete the plowing quickly, especially when we are dealing with heavy snowfall. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in opening their own business or home driveway to the street. If you need special assistance, or know of someone who does, please call and we will accommodate you.

If you have any questions, comments, or know of someone needing special assistance, please call us at (541) 549-6022.

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