

Solid Waste Education & Enforcement Program (SWEEP)
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Who we are

SWEEP-The Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program is the enforcement arm of the District of Columbia Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Administration. SWEEP's mandate is to enforce District of Columbia sanitation and recycling regulations as set forth under D.C. Law 6-100, District Code of Municipal Regulations (DCMR) Titles 21, 24, DC law 7-226 and recycling regulations. SWEEP is responsible for educating the public on proper waste storage and disposal and enforcing by civil Notices of Violations (NOVs) for noncompliance by residential and commercial inhabitants of the District.

What we do

Inspector duties include, but are not limited to the following:

1. SWEEP inspectors are responsible for surveying an assigned footprint area of the District to answer citizen complaints received by:
 - A. 311 service requests ,
 - B. emails from other city agencies, the director, the Executive office of the Mayor (EOM),
regarding the improper storage and disposal of solid waste.
 - C. phone, queries,
 - D. Proactively initiating education and enforcement actions

2. Educating the public on District of Columbia solid waste practices and requirements by;
 - A. Disseminating written brochures, pamphlets, flyers, detailing city solid waste regulations and best
waste storage and disposal, practices for proper
 - B. Attendance at community meetings, interagency collaborations, community walks, site visits. Site visits include, but may not be limited to residential neighborhoods, commercial business inspections.
 - C. Performs computerized database searches to determine ownership of properties under investigation.
 - D. Defends the Department's position at Administrative hearings.

DPW SNOW ALERT!!!



DPW's Snow Role

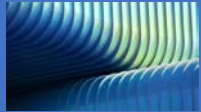
- DPW leads the District Snow Team with support from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for clearing our streets of snow and ice. We also receive support from multiple District government agencies, including the: • Department of General Services (DGS), which clears snow/ice from around municipal buildings; • Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA), which provides coordinative activities for DC government agencies responding to winter storms, • Serve DC, which coordinates volunteer snow shoveling services to homeowners who are seniors and/or living with a disability; • DC Water and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, which also provide plow drivers to support the Snow Team. Mayor Deputy Mayor Operations and Infrastructure City Administrator (CA) DPW Director DDOT Director Planning Admin Safety Public Information Officer PIO Training IT Fleet and Vehicle Inventory Resources Equipment DPW DDOT Contract Human Capitol Finance Tracking and Monitoring Procurement Snow Coordinator Logistics Operations Incident Command Structure (IC)

During a snow alert for the city, the department of public works goes into full alert, “all hands-on deck” operations. SWEEP inspectors as well as parking enforcement officers and DDOT inspection personnel are called to perform the following duties:

1. Serve as route monitors to ensure and document route completion real time through GIS application

2. Drive light plow trucks to assist in the snow removal, ice treatment process in areas not conducive to large plow travel

3. Serve as clearinghouse for all snow related citizen inquiries and 311 requests for service and provide real time progress reports to the city administrator and Mayor



SWEEP SNOW RESPONSIBILITY

City snow Regulations

- **24DCMR 1700.1 WINTER SIDEWALK SAFETY: GENERAL PROVISIONS**
- 1700.1 Each owner of a commercial or residential building or property in the District shall remove snow and ice from any paved sidewalks, curb cuts, and curb ramps abutting the building or property within eight (8) hours of daylight after the snow or other precipitation has ceased falling, regardless of the source of the accumulation.
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- 1700.2 The owner may delegate this responsibility to a tenant, occupant, lessee, or other individual (referred to in this chapter as a “delegee”) by written agreement.
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- SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 62 DCR 15134 (November 20, 2015).

SIDEWALK SHOVELING EXEMPTION PROGRAM

- The Department of Public Works (DPW) is charged with enforcement of the Winter Sidewalk Safety Act (“WSSA”), which requires District residents to remove snow and ice from the paved sidewalks, curb ramps and curb cuts abutting their property after a snowstorm. Qualified residents who are disabled and/or 65 or older are exempt from enforcement with an approved exemption.

SIDEWALK SHOVELING EXEMPTION PROGRAM, Cont'd

- The Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption Program (SSEP) exempts qualified residents from enforcement by DPW for not removing snow and ice from their sidewalks within the first eight hours of daylight after the end of a winter storm. The exemption is valid for two consecutive snow seasons. Once approved, residents must apply every other year to DPW to continue to receive the exemption.
- To apply for your exemption go to [Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption Form](#).

De-icing Recommendations

- Before a snow event, residents and commercial property owners should apply abrasives such as rock salt, de-icer, or non-clumping kitty litter to the sidewalks around their properties to reduce the possibility of icing and to prevent slips and falls.