

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Curb Cuts and Sidewalk / Snow Removal Requests

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This is a project of the Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities. To submit an update, add or remove a listing, or request an alternative format, please contact: DHHSWebsite@montgomerycountymd.gov, 240-777-1246 (V), MD Relay 711.

Sidewalk Program - Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT)

Division of Transportation Engineering

240-777-7270 (V)

311 (V - Inside Montgomery County)

240-777-0311 (V – Outside of Montgomery County)

240-314-8500 (City of Rockville)

301-258-6370 (City of Gaithersburg)

E-mail: mcdot.dte.sidewalk@montgomerycountymd.gov

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/sidewalk/SWapp.html

To have new sidewalks installed, you must file a petition with DOT's Engineering's Sidewalk Program. The main number is 311 and staff will explain the process regarding the installation of new sidewalks. Highway Services will only connect missing links between stretches of previously existing sidewalk. To have curbing installed where none exists you must submit your request via form either online or hard copy on behalf of your street, or on a larger scale, your subdivision or association. DOT will then conduct an investigation, including feasibility studies and cost analysis. Consideration must be given to funding at the time, as they have to maintain infrastructure that is already in place before they install new. You may need to submit a petition signed by yourself and your neighbors before they proceed with these studies. The County also may require that homeowners without driveway aprons install one at their expense, if they are to be a part of the curbing process. Requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. **Please note:** Most municipalities, such as the City of Rockville and the City of Gaithersburg, maintain their own roadways.

Snow Removal – Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT)

311 (V)

240-777-0311 (TTY)

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/snow

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/safesidewalks

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/snow/snow-status.html (Who Plows My Street and Check Snow Removal Status)

During the snowstorm, plowing begins when there is 3 inches of snow on the streets. Once emergency and primary routes are clear, then residential or neighborhood streets are plowed with at least one pass and spot sanded as necessary. Residential streets are made passable, but are not cleared to bare pavement.

Report an Unshoveled Sidewalk: It is the responsibility of each property owner to remove snow and ice from walkways within 24 hours of the end of the precipitation that caused the condition. If a snowplow re-deposits snow or ice on a sidewalk or other walkway after a person has complied with this Section, the person is not responsible for clearing the walkway until 24 hours after the snowplow re-deposited the snow or ice. Letters are sent to homeowners who are reported to be in violation. Inspections of commercial properties and multi-family properties are conducted within one business day of a complaint. DHCA Housing Code Enforcement does not have jurisdiction inside the municipalities of Gaithersburg and Rockville. Complaints regarding rental properties within the City of Takoma Park are also handled by DHCA but complaints regarding commercial or owner-occupied properties in that jurisdiction are handled by the City of Takoma Park. Please provide the exact address of the un-shoveled sidewalk and indicate if this is a commercial, multi-family (apartment or condominium), or residential property. Locations without an address will be accepted but further investigation regarding ownership and responsibility for removal will result in additional time for enforcement action. Bill 46-16, which became effective December 19, 2016, established a commercial-class fine for failure to remove sidewalk snow. Commercial property owners can be fined up to \$250 for the first offense of not clearing snow and up to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Residential property owners can be fined up to \$50 for not clearing snow.

Report an Unplowed or Missed Street: Please note, missed street service requests cannot be submitted until neighborhood plowing operations are complete. All Interstates and State maintained numbered roads such as I-270, US 29, MD 97, or MD 355 are cleared by the Maryland State Highway Administration. Check the State's web site at www.sha.state.md.us for information about snow removal status.