

❄️ **Temporary Suspension of Citations for Unshoveled Residential Sidewalks** ❄️

The Town of Rising Sun recognizes the importance of keeping sidewalks passable and understands the responsibility property owners have under Town Code. At the same time, we must balance those expectations with current on-the-ground conditions and public safety. Given the severity of this storm, along with freezing rain, sleet, and refreezing conditions that followed, the Town is taking a measured and practical approach that continues to prioritize safety while acknowledging that full compliance is not currently feasible for many homeowners.



Town Code requires that, following a storm of this magnitude, sidewalks be cleared within 48–72 hours of the conclusion of the storm. In this case, the storm concluded Monday morning. While there was an earlier window to remove snow, subsequent weather conditions and the need to prioritize road plowing have made sidewalk clearing within this timeline unsafe and impracticable in many areas.

Accordingly, the Town of Rising Sun is **temporarily suspending** citations for unshoveled sidewalks at owner-occupied residential properties.

⚠️ **Important Clarifications**

- ◆ This temporary suspension does NOT apply to rental properties, apartment complexes, or businesses.
- ◆ Snow and ice removal for rental properties, apartment complexes, and businesses must be completed by the close of business on Thursday.
- ◆ Failure to comply will result in citations and removal by the Town, with reimbursement of all Town expenses billed to the property owner.

⚠️ **Safety Expectations Remain**

The Town will continue to monitor weather and ground conditions, and as temperatures rise and ice conditions improve, **sidewalk clearing will again be required** in accordance with Town Code.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we work through the aftermath of this storm safely.

Despite Schools currently being closed for in person learning – The Town has taken the initiative to dig out the bus stops so children can safely wait for their bus when the schools reopen.