Residents Reminded to Help Clear Sidewalks

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Public Works Department reminds members in the community to help clear sidewalks now that the snow has stopped falling.

Harrisonburg is a pedestrian-friendly community and it is important to have clear sidewalks for those biking or walking as a mode of transportation. Sidewalks that are not clear of snow may force pedestrians to walk in the street, which is not safe.

Residents, business owners, and property owners must clear snow from the sidewalk in front of their home or business within 24 hours since the snowfall was six inches or less.

The time begins once the snow has stopped falling. If the occupant or property owner fails to clean off the sidewalk, a notice of violation will be given. After 24-hours of the notice being given and if the sidewalk is still not clear, the city will clear the sidewalk at the expense of the property owner.

City crews will work throughout today to clear sidewalks on bridges and overpasses, around city facilities, and along streets with a high volume of pedestrian traffic.

Additional information on this ordinance can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/snow-plow.

Other storm-related announcements can be found on the city’s social media sites or by visiting www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.