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## NEWS RELEASE

### Salt/Sand Mixture Available for Residents to Treat Icy Sidewalks

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In the interest of public safety, Rochester Public Works reminds residents to stay on top of sidewalk ice removal responsibilities. Rochester City Ordinance 72.02 requires property owners with a public sidewalk or path abutting their property to fully remove snow and ice within 24-hours after a snowfall. The full sidewalk width must be free of snow and ice and pathways must have a clear path that is at least 5 feet wide.

We also request residents to preemptively apply sand and/or salt to sidewalk areas prone to freeze-thaw cycles. If there is a transit or school bus stop on your property, please consider treating these areas as it is much appreciated by transit users. The city provides residents a bucket-worth of free salt/sand mixture at two locations in town: in northeast behind the Fiesta Café in the Northbrook Shopping Center, and in southwest at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SW next to the YMCA. Residents must bring their own supplies as buckets/bags and shovels are not provided by the city. Residents are encouraged to sweep up any salt and sand left on bare pavement to save it for future re-use and to prevent it from running off into nearby waterways.



Salt/Sand pile in Northbrook Shopping Center

More information on property owner's responsibilities for sidewalk snow removal can be found at [www.rochestermn.gov/publicworks](http://www.rochestermn.gov/publicworks)

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