

Lexington Housing Authority

Snow and Ice Removal Plan

Resident, guest, and staff safety is of the utmost concern of The Lexington Housing Authority (LHA) which can be especially challenging during the winter months. Residents and guests are advised to use caution and good judgement during winter weather events. In our efforts to maintain a safe environment LHA has implemented the following snow and ice plan for Eastlawn Apartments, Eastlawn Addition and Eastlawn East.

Snow removal will occur within the parameters of the *City of Lexington ORDINANCE NO 1772 SECTION 24-18*. *Snow and sleet will be removed from the sidewalk within 48 hours after the same have fallen*. LHA interprets this to state snow removal shall be completed within 48 hours after the end of the weather event.

LHA will generally attempt to remove the snow shortly after the end of the weather event depending on the timing of said event. If there are high winds, dangerous windchill, and / or excessive snow fall this time frame may be extended. Should snow removal occur after hours (nights, weekends, and holidays), LHA will only clear the walkways. During these times if the driveways are deemed to be not passable, they *may* also be cleared. Any extra snow removal such as that of vacant parking spaces shall be delayed until normal working hours.

The first priority will be to clear the areas with a higher concentration of working families or students. LHA will first clear all the walkways then drives and lastly the vacant parking spots if they are not needed as an area to dump excess snowfall. Ice melt may be applied as needed after snow removal is completed.

LHA will attempt to move snow in a manner that will not direct the snow onto or around resident vehicles, however it to be understood that due to a variety of factors this may not always be possible. Residents are advised to move their vehicles from the parking areas if they feel the need to do so.

To allow for the efficient removal of snow and to avoid unintentional damage to a vehicle during winter months vehicles are to be parked so they do not overhang the walkways. LHA assumes no responsibility for any damage done to vehicles left in the parking areas (parking lots, off street and or street parking) during the removal of snow or ice after a weather event.

Residents are responsible for clearing snow on or around their vehicles if they remain parked in the parking areas during a snow event. *LHA staff will not clear individual paths to vehicles with an exception as stated in the following paragraph.*

The City of Lexington snowplows often push snow around vehicles parked on the street and the LHA off street parking stalls located on Taft, Fillmore, and Third Streets. While LHA assumes no obligation to remove the snow redirected by the City of Lexington snowplows the Director and / or Maintenance Supervisor will determine if it is prudent to remove snow pushed behind these vehicles. If it is determined prudent to remove snow, it will be done only after the walkways and drives are cleared and generally only during normal business hours.

Residents may be asked to move vehicles parked in off-street parking spots or parking lots to allow for clearing of the spots and agree to move said vehicles in a timely manner if asked. Due to the nature of freezing rain and snow melt with refreezing events residents and guests are advised to use extra caution when on the grounds at LHA. As staff observes icing on walkways LHA will begin salting applications if prudent. As it relates to salting efforts, the temperature and current weather conditions play an important factor in the overall effectiveness of our response. More specifically, salt is generally not effective at temperatures below 15 °F or during freezing rain events. Residents and guests are advised to use their best judgement if it is necessary for them to be mobile during these events.

Ice melt will be made available if tenants wish to have some for the entryway. Tenants are responsible to bring a container to the office to obtain the ice melt not to exceed 1gallon. LHA staff will deliver a full container back to the tenant.

LHA staff is not allowed to assist with vehicles that are stuck during or after the snow event. It is the responsibility of the vehicle owner to use good judgement when operating a motor vehicle during the winter weather. LHA staff is not allowed to “jump start” vehicles with inoperable batteries.

We are generally provided advance notice for winter storms, especially those with high totals of expected accumulation. Tenants may choose to rearrange or reschedule appointments that are not urgent in nature depending on the forecasted conditions.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Hopefully we will have an uneventful winter weather season for 2020 – 2021.