



PLOWING AND SNOW RULES 2025-26



PREPARING FOR SNOW

1. Leave your front outside light on when snow is predicted for that night to maximize visibility for shovelers.
2. If you have just one car, park it in your *own* space in front of your unit. Minimize cars in the visitor areas, as those spaces will be cleared first. If you have a second car in a visitor spot, be ready to move it promptly. (If you park on Walcott St., on-street parking is not allowed 1 AM-6 AM in Hopkinton Nov.15-April 1.) The prohibition of overnight parking of commercial vehicles on condo property is in effect all year.
3. Do not extend car bumpers over sidewalks. This hinders snow removal from sidewalks.
4. If you are not going to be home and you have car(s) in the parking lot, leave keys with a neighbor and a note on your door as to who has them. Your neighbor must move your car; this is not the job of Board members or the contractor. Think ahead if you go on vacation! Failure to leave keys or to move your car when asked may result in a daily \$25 fine.
5. Please observe the temporary NO PARKING signs in front of building 5 when posted.

CHECK YOUR VENTS!

Frequently check your gas heat and dryer vents to ensure there is no blockage from snow.

Blocked vents can cause carbon monoxide to build up in your unit, which can be fatal.

Bylaws direct you to have carbon monoxide detectors in your unit; test them and replace them as needed.

SAND AND SNOWMELT

Barrels of sand are located at each dumpster and mailbox. If you notice any ice buildup when the contractor is absent, apply sand from the barrels for quick traction or use an ice melt product that is not all salt. Salt can damage the concrete and corrode the iron railings. Apply any product sparingly and avoid the railings if possible. Please return the scoop and cover the barrel tightly after use.

SHOVELING

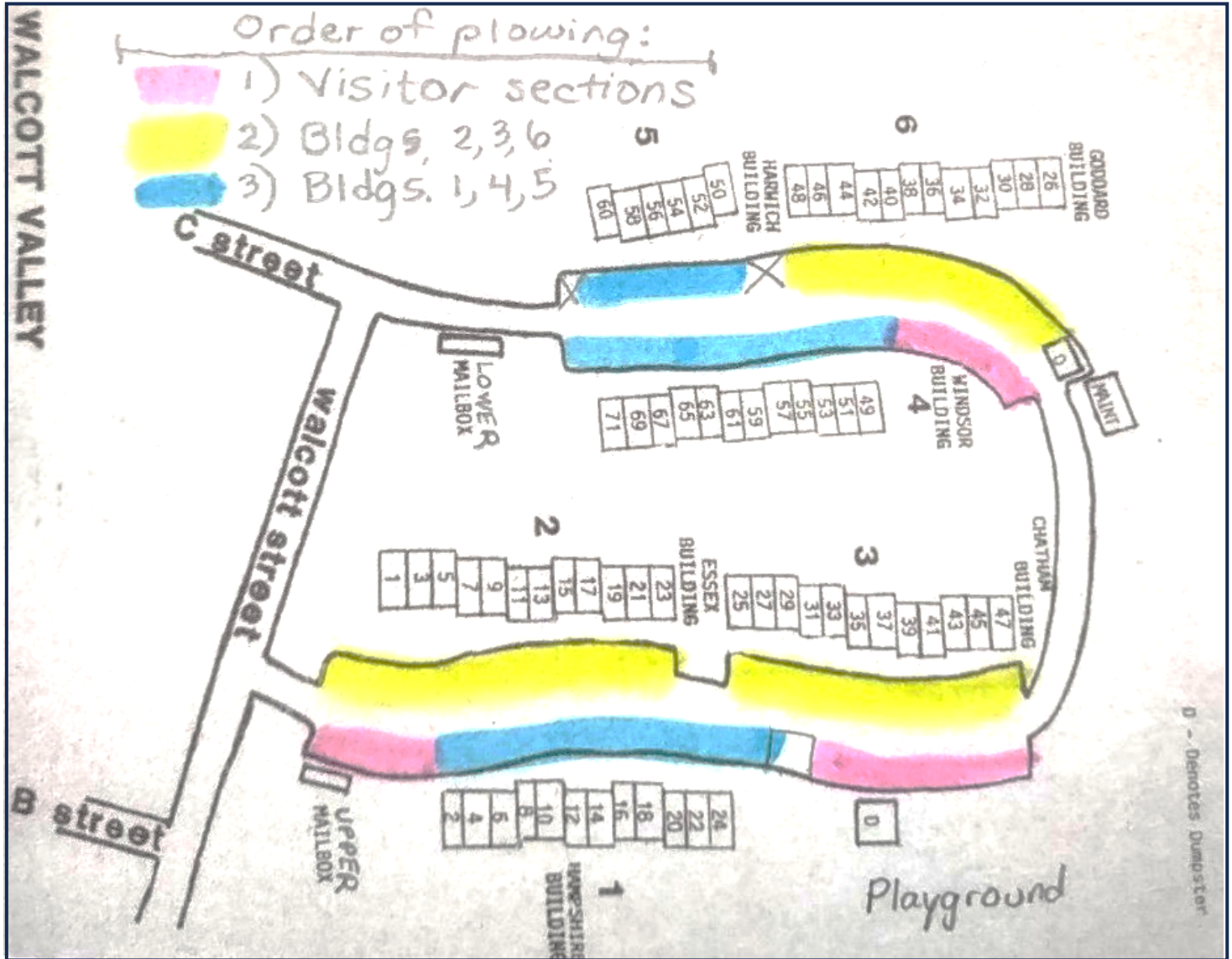
During snow season, residents may keep one or two snow implements (shovels or brushes) neatly stowed near their doorstep. Follow snow guidelines re clearing your parking space. Leave doorstep, stairs, and walkways uncluttered so our shovelers can do their job. If snow is deep, keep rear exit(s) clear as per fire laws. Heavy snow or ice can damage decks; clear as needed with a plastic shovel.

PLOWING PROCEDURE:

1. The contractor will first clear a roadway through Walcott Valley. This may be at any hour.
2. Then, at some reasonable hour, the contractor will sound his horn to signal the plowing of parking spaces. Please clear your car off and be ready to move it before being asked. A condo volunteer may ring your bell if you're not out shortly.
3. Failure to move your vehicle when asked may result in a daily \$25 fine. (over →)

*** POST THIS PAGE ON YOUR FRIDGE! ***

4. Use the following procedure for moving cars unless the contractor or condo volunteers direct you otherwise. Delaying or moving your car out of turn makes plowing take longer and costs us all more!



5. As shown in the diagram, first move cars from the visitor parking sections so they can be plowed. Cars may be moved *briefly* to the non-mailbox side of either entrance if plowed. Cars may also be moved to Walcott St., but not overnight. (Do not park along the islands or the bend; do not block emergency access or where the plow piles snow.) Once the section is plowed, promptly move your car back to leave spaces for the next step.
6. Next, move cars parked in front of Buildings 2, 3, and 6 so those resident spots can be plowed. Move cars to the cleared visitor areas or to the areas listed in #4 above. Then move back promptly.
7. Finally, move cars parked in front of Buildings 1, 4, and 5 to any cleared location and move them back right after plowing. Do not leave your car in any other resident's space.

8. If you move your car from an area that's about to be plowed, you may dig out just enough to move your car and leave the rest of the snow in the space for the plow to clear. If you didn't move your car on time and the rest of that section has already been plowed, you must shovel your entire space. Do not deposit snow on the sidewalks.

SLEDDING

Sledding is potentially dangerous and may be done only as follows:

1. All sledding is "at your own risk." The Condo Association is not responsible for damage or injuries.
2. Parents are responsible for their children. Parental supervision is strongly advised.
3. No sledding in or onto the parking lot.
4. No sledding across the sidewalks; it may push snow onto shoveled areas or create icy spots.
5. Plowed snow piles can be especially dangerous. Avoid them if plowing is in progress.
6. Avoid muddy or bare patches to protect the lawn.
7. Be considerate. No sledding before 10AM on weekends. Avoid loud or repeated shrieking. Vary the sledding routes so as not to disturb the same neighbors repeatedly.
8. No sleds or snow toys may be left out overnight, except on decks or patios. Do not leave these items in front of units or in the bushes.

SNOW PLAY

1. Snowball throwing should be *away* from the buildings and parking lot. No throwing ice.
2. Grassy areas covered with snow are fine for snow play. Please stay off all the landscaping (trees, bushes, stream bed, and mulched areas).
3. Snow forts and tunnels can collapse with tragic consequences. Parents, please supervise!
4. Avoid piles of plowed snow while plows are working.
5. If snow is tossed on the sidewalk or stairs during play, you must remove it.
6. Snow sculptures are encouraged! Snowman accessories or similar decorations should be promptly removed when melting occurs, or they may be thrown out.

DECORATIONS

Feel free to brighten up your unit with holiday and seasonal decorations. Be sure they do not pose a fire hazard. Please remove externally visible holiday decorations within 30 days after the holiday.

NEIGHBORS

Winter is especially challenging for the elderly and those with health problems or limited mobility. Help a neighbor if you can!



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY WINTER!



PLEASE READ !

To All Owners and Residents,

Here are the Walcott Valley Snow Rules for this winter. Plowing and shoveling are extremely expensive and are based on how long the job takes. We will be **strictly** enforcing these rules to keep costs down and speed the snow clearing process.

You must shovel around your cars and move them **promptly** to avoid fines! It is not the shovelers' job to clear around cars. Please follow the attached procedure.

Many thanks,

The Walcott Valley Board

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