



Business & Property Owner Responsibilities

The Downtown Maintenance Team (DMT) will aid and support businesses and property owners as detailed below to ensure our downtown continues to be a clean, safe, and vibrant place. We appreciate the collective efforts of our community to keep Downtown Boise beautiful!

Tree Irrigation: To minimize the risk of freeze damage, property owners are responsible for turning off irrigation and/or winterizing each building's irrigation system.

Leaf Removal and Recycling:

- Property owners and first floor business owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks and doorways free and clear of leaves. **Please do not dump leaves into city trash cans.**
- Email DMT at dtmaintteam@cityofboise.org and request recyclable leaf bags. They will bring them to you free of charge!
- Fill the bags and leave them near the green garbage receptacle in front of your business on the sidewalk. They will be picked up and recycled during regular scheduled DMT hours.
- Bags left in alleyways by personal dumpsters will not be picked up.

Downtown Boise Holidays in the City

Holiday Tree:

The city holiday tree will arrive at The Grove Plaza on November 14th. The tree lighting ceremony is November 25th starting at 5pm!

Holiday Décor:

Check out the swag lights on intersections and wreaths, lights, and banners for the streetlamps.

If your business is hanging lights, please make sure wires are strung up high enough to not obstruct pedestrian traffic and that you don't unplug our lights or swags!

Flower Maintenance.

Upon the first hard frost or around Halloween, annuals will be removed but grass will remain for winter texture.

The Downtown Maintenance Team will assist with snow removal when more than one inch of snow accumulates during daytime hours. DMT will assist with removal by plowing with a single blade on sidewalks and crosswalks within the Business Improvement District. Snow will not be removed from either side of trees to minimize the risk of damage; snow removal timing throughout downtown depends on weather conditions and resources. A major snow event will require everyone's assistance – and patience.

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Snow Removal:

- Property owners and tenants are responsible for snow removal and de-icing sidewalks per Boise City Code 9-08-07, 7-5-5.
 - “Clear the sidewalks and gutters in front of property from snow, and keep conveniently free therefrom during the day, so as to allow citizens to use the sidewalks in an easy, safe and commodious manner.”
- Clear doorways, and create a walkway a single blade width wide, approximately 36”, down sidewalks.
- Do not place snow around parking meters or within access to vehicle parking.
- Snow should not be pushed into the street. This causes storm drains to clog and creates pools of water at pedestrian crosswalks.

De-icer Best Practice:

- Property owners and businesses owners are urged to use deicers sparingly.
- Do not use rock salt or sand on any sidewalk surface – especially brick.
- Keep any ice melt material out of tree wells and planting areas.

Recommended deicers.

1. Calcium Chloride (CaCl): Works at temperatures down to -25°F
 - a. Pros: Can use lower doses, no cyanide | Cons: Chloride impact
 - b. Application: About a handful is needed for every three-square yards. Calcium chloride melts ice faster than other deicers.
2. Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA): Works at temperatures down to 22°F
 - a. Pros: Less toxic | Cons: Doesn't work at colder temperatures
 - b. Application: should be applied early in a storm to prevent snow and ice bonding. CMA should be applied heavier in the first application and lighter as difficult weather continues.