

Village of Bensenville

Senior Snow Plowing Program

The Village of Bensenville is pleased to announce a new program to our seniors and disabled residents. Beginning this winter, we will be offering a Senior / Disabled Snow Removal Program. The program is designed to help those in our community who need assistance to obtain a low cost solution to snow removal on their driveways, sidewalks, and private walks.

The Village will hire independent contractors to provide discounted rates for common snow removal services. The Village will also subsidize a portion of the cost. Applicants may select services based on an “a la carte” menu as listed below.

Snow Removal Service	Cost of Service	Village Subsidy	Cost to Resident
Driveway Plow	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Path from house to driveway or street	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Path from house to alley	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Front Sidewalk	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Side Sidewalk (corner lot)	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10.00

The Public Works Department will administer the program. Snow plowing of driveways and shoveling of sidewalks will occur after three (3) inches or more of snow has fallen. Snow removal will not begin until a snow event is completed (i.e. the snow has stopped falling). In the event of excessive snowfall (typically greater than six (6) inches), the independent contractors may be instructed to perform multiple visits. The Village will charge the participant for each visit made to the property. Timing of snow removal will depend on the snow event, but our goal would be to have all snow removal completed by 10am on any given day.

The program does have specific eligibility requirements (listed below) that require documentation to prove eligibility.

Senior Program	Disabled Program
Applicant must own property (copy of recent property tax bill required)	Applicant must own property (copy of recent property tax bill required)
Applicant must be over 65 years old (copy of property tax bill with senior exemption required)	Applicant must be disabled (copy of Secretary of State Disability placard or proof or registration of disability through Social Security)
Applicant annual household income must be less than \$55,000	Applicant annual household income must be less than \$55,000
Household must not have any other person able to remove snow	Household must not have any other person able to remove snow

The Program application and guidelines are enclosed. Please read the enclosed package carefully. If you are interested in participating in the program, please fill out the application form, read and sign the “Guidelines”, and provide the appropriate documentation to prove eligibility. Application packages can be mailed or dropped off to:

Village of Bensenville
Department of Public Works
717 E. Jefferson Street
Bensenville, IL 60106

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the Department of Public Works at 630-350-3435.



VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
2017-2018 SENIOR / DISABLED SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone _____

Reason for Application (please check all that apply)

I am 65 years of age or older, own the property, have no household member able to shovel my snow, and my household income is under \$55,000 per year; or

I am under age 65, disabled, own my property, have no other household member able to shovel my snow and my household income is under \$55,000 per year; and

I have enclosed a copy of my most recent property tax bill indicating ownership and senior status (exemption); or

I have enclosed a copy of Secretary of State License Disability Placard or registration of disability through Social Security.

Please list ALL household member(s) and their birthdays - include yourself.

Table with 2 columns: Household Member Name, Birth Date. Includes two blank rows for entry.

My driveway is (please check one)

Cement /Concrete Gravel Asphalt Grass between drive paths

List any specific hazards that we should be aware of (i.e. awnings, fence, sprinkler system, etc.)

Two blank lines for listing specific hazards.

Services: (Please check all those you would like performed)

- Checkboxes for services: Snowplow the driveway (\$15.00 per plow), Shovel/snow blow a path from the house to the driveway or street (\$15.00 per removal), Shovel/snow blow a path from house to alley (\$15.00 per removal), Shovel/ snow blow the public sidewalk in front of my house (\$15.00 per removal/ \$25.00 for corner lot)

The resident(s) hereby release and hold the Village, its officers, officials, employees and contractors harmless for any damage to property or other liability which arises directly or indirectly from the Village's snow removal program. The resident(s) hereby release and hold the Village, its officers, officials, employees, attorneys and contractors harmless for any injuries or liabilities sustained by the resident(s) or others caused, directly or indirectly by the removal or non-removal of any snow or ice from the resident(s)'s property.

Signature _____ Date _____

VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE
2017-2018 SENIOR / DISABLED SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Resident(s) must be 65 years or older or disabled, handicapped and/or have a severe health problem and there is no one else in the household that can shovel the snow.
2. Each household resident must provide documentation of ownership and senior status (via copy of latest property tax bill) and/or demonstrate disability status (via Secretary of State License Disability Placard or registration of disability with the Illinois Department of Aging).
3. Each household, regardless of age, disability, handicap or medical condition of any individual resident in the same household must demonstrate a combined income of \$55,000.00 or less to participate in the Program. Qualifying households may be asked to provide proof of income documentation, as determined acceptable by the Village.

GUIDELINES AND TERMS:

An application must be completed and signed on an annual basis, to enroll in the program. The application is to be mailed or brought to the Bensenville Public Works Department, 717 E. Jefferson Street, Bensenville, Illinois 60106, Attn: Director of Public Works.

1. The Village will review the application and accompanying documentation and determine if the applicant qualifies for the program. If the applicant qualifies for the Program, the application will be forwarded to the Operations Division of the Public Works Department. The Operations Division may complete a pre-inspection of your property.
2. The following services are being done by an independent contractor hired by the Village. Snow plowing of driveways and shoveling of sidewalks will occur after 3 inches or more of snow has fallen. The Village shall, in its sole discretion, determine when 3 inches or more has fallen. Snow removal will not begin until a snow event is completed, unless snowfall is excessive. If you choose only to have the sidewalks shoveled, they will be shoveled after 3 inches of snow or more has fallen, and the plowing of all driveways has been completed. The Operations Supervisor will determine when the contractor is to be called to begin the plowing of driveways. The resident shall pay the following for the services requested:
 - Snowplow the driveway. (\$15.00 per plow)
 - Shovel/snow blow a path from the house to the street or the driveway. (\$15.00 per removal)
 - Shovel/snow blow a path from the house to the alley. (\$15.00 per removal)

- Shovel/snow blow the public sidewalk in front of your home, if it is a corner lot there will be an additional charge. (\$15.00 per removal; \$25.00 per removal, corner lot)

The above amounts may be changed without further notice. The snow removal program does not include the spreading of salt or other snow/ice melting chemical.

3. A monthly bill will be sent to you from the Village. (Note: if snow is removed more than once during the same snowfall because it is excessive, the resident will be charged for each removal.)
4. The resident(s) may withdraw from the Program by providing the Village with a written notice. Such notice shall include a specific withdrawal date, which shall not be less than seven (7) days from the date the notice is received by the Village. The resident(s) shall pay the Village any services rendered prior to withdrawal date. The Village may eliminate the Program at any time without notice.
5. The Village may terminate, suspend or close the enrollment period for the Program at anytime.
6. The Village may limit the number of participants in the Program. In such case, space in the Program will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
7. As part of the Program, the Village, at anytime may require the resident(s) to complete and sign additional forms.
8. If there are any issues with service for a particular event, the Village requires the resident(s) to call the Village promptly after each snow removal. This will alleviate any discrepancies between resident and contractor for billing purposes. (see enclosed paper)
9. Being a participant of the snow removal program we request that no one but the contractor is to remove snow. This will alleviate any confusion for billing purposes. Failure to comply may be cause for removal from the Program.

I have read the guidelines and terms and understand and agree to the guidelines and terms of the Program.

(NAME)

(ADDRESS)

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)