



City of Watertown

Snow Removal Program

Application

2023-2024

## **Watertown Recreation Department and Council on Aging/Senior Center Snow Removal Program 2023-2024 Season (for Eligible Residents)**

Hello, Watertown Seniors and Residents with Disabilities,

We hope all are well and you are enjoying the early winter season.

In coordination with the Watertown Middle School, Watertown High School, Recreation Department, Council on Aging/Senior Center, and the Marshall Home Fund, we are offering a snow-shoveling program specifically for our senior residents over age 60 and those who are disabled. Watertown Middle School and Watertown High School students are matched with senior residents in their neighborhood and assigned to be responsible for shoveling snow from the sidewalks, steps, and driveways for the duration of the winter season. This year, thanks to generous support from the Marshall Home Fund, students will have an opportunity to earn a stipend by assisting with snow shoveling in their neighborhood.

**Since this program depends heavily on student “volunteers”, we may not have enough students to cover all households. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that there will be a student match who will be able to service your home.**

We will try to accommodate everyone, and we will inform you either way.

As the winter snow season begins, we want to reach out to confirm the following:

1. Would you like to participate in the program this year?
2. If yes, please complete the attached Application and Waiver (including a description of the areas of your property that you would like shoveled and prioritizing each separate area by importance) and mail to:

Watertown Recreation Department  
Snow Removal Program  
149 Main Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

Once we receive your information sheet and waiver, we will match the students' shovelers by neighborhood and houses and confirm your assignment.

Additionally, please note the following about the way the program works:

- There is no guarantee that signing up will lead to services being rendered this winter season. The service depends on the number of students who sign up for the program and where those students reside in town (for safety, students shovelers are only given assignments close to where they reside). As such, if there are no students in your area or not enough students, we will not be able to provide services to everyone.
- Student(s) are assigned to the same house for the duration of the winter. They will be asked to shovel the same house after each storm.
- The student(s) do not check in when they arrive at the house. They are told to arrive, do the job and leave. They may not enter the homes and they may not accept anything from residents.

- Though good-natured, please do not give student(s) any additional tips or treats for their services. No food, drinks, or gifts of any kind. The students will earn a stipend provided through a generous grant from the Marshall Home Fund and community service credits because of their efforts.
- When school is in session the day of a snowstorm, the students will shovel at their earliest convenience and have the discretion to shovel before or after school.
- The students use their best discretion when deciding how long after a snowfall to shovel.
- Should a student fail to fulfill their obligation after a snowfall, the student will be contacted to do so. If they should fail a second time, they shall be removed from the program. An effort will then be made to replace the student.
- Should a student be sick or on vacation or otherwise unable to shovel for a particular storm, they are instructed to inform the Recreation Department, which will do its best to inform the resident of the student's absence.
- Please provide a description of your property and more specifically what you require to be shoveled. Also, please indicate which areas are more essential for shoveling services.
- Participation is contingent upon signing the program's waiver.
- The City of Watertown reserves the right to cancel the snow removal program for a home, if at any time the City of Watertown deems that the property is unsafe for the student to provide snow removal services.
- There is no cost for this program.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience whether you would like to participate this year and mail back the enclosed waiver. Also, feel free to send along any follow-up questions. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Peter Centola  
Recreation Director

Lydia McCoy  
Director of Senior Services

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### Application for **Snow Removal Assistance Program**

**Who:** Watertown Seniors (60+) or Disabled Residents ONLY  
**When:** Winter of 2023-2024  
**Time:** Earliest convenience of the student assigned after a snowstorm  
**Where:** Watertown Community Neighborhoods  
**Fee:** None

**To Register Online:**

Go to our website at [www.recreation.watertown-ma.gov](http://www.recreation.watertown-ma.gov) and select “**Online Registration**”

**Description:** After a snowstorm and at their earliest convenience, students will remove snow from main entrances, sidewalks, walkways, and driveways for Watertown residents who need assistance due to age, disability or other health reasons. The objective is to clear snow so that people can get out of their houses, and clear sidewalks so that neighbors can travel safely. It also gives students an opportunity to develop strong community spirit and a sense of responsibility. All program participants are required to sign waivers which will allow the City of Watertown to evaluate their addresses to confirm that the premises are safe for student shoveling.

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**Watertown Recreation Department**  
**Application for Snow Removal Assistance Program for Seniors**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like us to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of property and areas needing snow removal, in priority order:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the Application and Waiver to the Watertown Recreation Office.**

Please register your email on the “**Notify Me**” at our website [www.recreation.watertown-ma.gov](http://www.recreation.watertown-ma.gov) to receive future program information.

The Watertown Recreation Department has **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube** pages. The Facebook address is WatertownRecreationDepartment and the Twitter address is @Watertownrec. The address for Instagram is watertownrecreation and YouTube is Watertown Recreation.

**City of Watertown, Department of Recreation and Council on Aging/Senior Center**

SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM WAIVER.  
RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of participation in the City of Watertown’s Snow Removal Program, the undersigned hereby waives, releases, agrees not to sue, and holds harmless the City of Watertown, its officers, agents, volunteers, and employees from all actions, causes of action, damages, claims or demands, known or unknown, which the undersigned, and their successors, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have against the City of Watertown, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers for any harm, damages, or injury to myself or my property, or for my death, which may arise as a result of my participation in the City of Watertown’s Snow Removal Program.

The undersigned individual shall save, defend, indemnify and hold the City of Watertown, its volunteers, officers, boards, commissioners, employees, attorney, and agents harmless from any injury including, without limitation, personal injury, death, real or personal property damage, or direct or indirect economic injury, claim, demand, suit, judgment, execution, liability, debt, damages or penalty arising out of any such claims, resulting from, or alleged to arise out of, or result from, my participation in the City of Watertown’s Snow Removal Program.

The undersigned has read this waiver, release, hold harmless and indemnification agreement and understands its terms. The undersigned executes this agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

In witness whereof, I have executed this waiver, release, and hold harmless agreement at Watertown, Massachusetts on the date written below.

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Signature

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(Print name)

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(Address)

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(Date)