

## WHEN THERE IS AN EMERGENCY

**Immediate danger:** Call 911 to reach the Fire Department, Police, or ambulance.

**When it snows:** SDOT uses anti-icer (salt brine) to keep streets on the snow routes from freezing and plows streets when snow accumulates. For a map of the snow routes, go to <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/winterweather.htm>.

**Blocked sidewalk or street:** When debris such as a fallen tree or a landslide blocks a street or sidewalk, call SDOT at (206) 684-ROAD (684-7623).

**Flooding:** For concerns about flooding, sewage, garbage, illegal dumping or graffiti, call Seattle Public Utilities at (206) 684-3000.

**Power Outages:** Report power outages by contacting Seattle City Light at (206) 684-7400 or <http://www.seattle.gov/light>.

**Private Property:** Call the Seattle Department of Planning and Development about private property, (206) 684-8950.

## WAYS TO CONTACT SDOT:

**General information:** Call (206) 684-ROAD (684-7623) or send email to [684-Road@seattle.gov](mailto:684-Road@seattle.gov).

For links to SDOT's Facebook, Twitter, SDOT Blog, Traveler's Information Map (traffic cameras and information), or On the Move blog (traffic notices), visit [www.seattle.gov/transportation](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation).

# ABOUT SEATTLE'S STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Streets and sidewalks play a big role in determining the character of your Seattle neighborhood or business community—the appearance of the streetscape, the ease of getting around, and the feeling of personal safety. Residents, businesses, and local government all play an important role in making streets and sidewalks the best they can be.



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This information is available in alternate formats upon request. Call (206) 684-8548.



A great way to strengthen your neighborhood is to help the elderly or less able residents clear their sidewalks and driveways.

## KEEPING YOUR STREET IN GOOD CONDITION

Each year the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) plans which arterial streets to repave, depending on available funding. Crews fill potholes on arterial and non-arterial streets. You can help by reporting potholes—call (206) 684-ROAD (684-7623) or go online at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/potholes](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/potholes).



## SIDEWALKS—A WELCOME MAT TO THE COMMUNITY

Taking care of the sidewalk next to your home or business is one of the ways you can help make your neighborhood feel friendly and safe. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk and planting strip in a way that keeps them safe and free of obstacles for pedestrians:

- Clear away leaves and debris.
- Remove ice and snow.
- Prune overgrowth coming from the yard or planting strip.
- Keep the walking surface in good repair.
- Take care of the planting strip between the sidewalk and the street.



**Street Use Permits**—Permits are required for work in the street, planting strip or sidewalk, including planting, cutting, or major pruning of street trees.

## TREES IMPROVE YOUR STREET

Trees along the street and sidewalk improve the environment, provide shade, and beautify the area.

- You can plant trees in the planting strip in front of your home or business if there is room. Tree-planting permits are free. Call (206) 684-TREE (8733) or go to <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.
- Care for your tree by watering and raking up leaves. Proper pruning helps prevent damage during winter storms.
- Find out if a street tree is owned and maintained by the city or if it is your responsibility as the adjacent property owner. Locate the map at <http://web1.seattle.gov/SDOT/StreetTrees>.