

Extract from statute statutu

Concerning the obligation of residents to clean, remove snow from and grit pavements of the 18 January 1996

§ 1 Imposition of obligation to clean, remove snow and grit pavements

(1) On the basis of this statute residents are obligated to clean pavements within enclosed areas together with access roads, in the case of accumulated snow to remove snow from them and to grit them in the case of subsequent slipperiness or ice coating.

§ 2 Obligated

(1) As understood by this statute, residents are owners and possessors (e.g. lessees and tenants) of land, lying adjacent to public roads or possessing accesses or entrances connecting to public roads (§ 15 item 1 Road Statute). As residents are considered also owners and possessors of such land areas, which are separated from not built on surfaces, being the property of the municipal authority or object subject to public easement, if the distance between the boundary of the property and the street does not exceed 10 metres, however in the case of particularly wide streets does not constitute more than half of the width of the street (§ 41 item 6 Road Statute).

§ 3 Object of obligation to clean, remove snow and grit pavements

(1) As understood by this statute pavements are surfaces designated for pedestrian traffic, which are part of public roads.

(2) Insofar as on both sides of the road there is no pavement, as appropriate areas at the edges are considered areas of the width of 1.50 m.

(3) As appropriate areas adjacent to road traffic for pedestrians, are areas at their edges of width of 1.50 metres. If parking areas, benches and planted areas spread into the area the resident is obliged to ensure a path of the width mentioned in point 1 around these objects.

§ 5 Extent of snow clearing

(1) The area, to which snow clearing is obligatory for residents, should be cleaned of snow and melting ice, in order to ensure safety and free passage and in particular enable pedestrians to pass each other. As a rule the width of the snow cleared strip should amount to at least 1 m.

§ 6 Removing snow and ice

(1) In the case of snow and ice, residents are obligated to grit pavements and other areas mentioned in § 3 and equally areas of access to road at the time, so that they may be used by pedestrians in the prevailing conditions in a safe manner. The obligation to grit also applies to the area, which should be cleaned according to § 5 item 1.

(2) For gritting should be used material such as gravel, sand and granules.

(3) Use of salt to combat ice is forbidden. A small application of salt is only permitted in the case of freezing rain, black ice or similar weather conditions. One should remember to use the minimum possible application of salt to eliminate black ice.

§ 7 Hours of cleaning and gritting

(1) Pavements must be cleaned and gritted by 7:00 however on Sundays and holidays by 9:00. If after fulfilment of this obligation snow falls or the snow surface becomes slippery after snow clearing or forms black ice, then immediately and if necessary repeatedly clean and grit the pavement. The obligation ceases at 21:00.

The full text of the statute is available at Heidenheim City Hall in the department dealing with questions of law, public order and those concerning safety.

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Winter is coming-
Are you ready?

Gritting and snow clearing



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SAFE WINTER WITH “URBAN SERVICES”

Employees of Heidenheim Urban Services are busy and particularly so in winter. Together with 90 employees, 8 large snow plough/grit-spreaders and also 9 narrow track vehicles we do everything, so that urban road traffic would not suffer despite snow and ice and so that public spaces and bicycle routes might still be used

Where do we work?

Speaking of winter road maintenance, we are guided by an established priorities plan: The first priority is snow clearing and sanding federal and local roads, then public transport roads, access roads to hospitals and remaining main and arterial streets. In succeeding order we deal with residential district roads with steep gradients, which are important in urban traffic. Highest priority places include pedestrian areas of bus stations, railway stations, pedestrian zones and crossings.

What do we spread?

During gritting particular attention is given to a balanced compromise between safety and environmental protection. For gritting the streets we normally use wet or dry salt. Due to a modern technological solution applied when gritting the streets, the quantity of salt necessary has been significantly reduced while achieving a rapid melting effect but salt itself is not very subject to losses caused by gusts of wind. On public footpaths in addition we use sprinkling materials such as fine gravel, sand and granules. We only use salt where it is absolutely necessary for safety reasons. Trees and vegetation by the roadsides should not be unnecessarily subjected to the harmful effects of salt.



GUIDELINES FOR YOU CONCERNING WINTER ROAD

Ensure early that you have material for road gritting and equipment for snow clearing, in order not to be surprised by the first onset of winter.

Pay attention to gritting material with the ecological mark, which is environmentally friendly.

You are obliged to grit roads on working days by 7:00 whereas on Sundays and public holidays by 9:00. Road gritting is not compulsory after 21:00.

Heidenheim Urban Services are ready to answer all questions concerning the extent of obligations connected with snow removal and gritting.



If you travel by car

Remember, to prepare your car early for winter. In particular this applies to putting on winter tyres and possibly snow chains.

In winter one should drive particularly carefully and at each moment be prepared for changing road conditions.

Give priority to snow clearing vehicles. In the case of traffic jams keep to the centre of the traffic lane and do not block crossroads areas.

Park the car as close as possible to the edge of the road. As far as possible while snow is falling or the roads are icy use public transport

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO SAFE PAVEMENTS

Owners of real estate are responsible for clearing snow and gritting footpath is adjacent to the property. Such areas also include steps and side surfaces on the edge of roads in the case of lack of designated pavement surfaces. Pavement surfaces should be cleared of snow and gritted in such a manner that to pedestrians might pass each other safely (width approx. 1 m). In the case of continuing snowfall or icing you are obliged to clear snow and grit at appropriate time intervals.



Appropriate gritting materials for you.

Pavements our best gritted using an inert material such as gravel, sand or granules. Application of salt is forbidden. A light application of salt is only permitted in the case of freezing rain, icing and black ice and also similar weather conditions. Think of the environment and only use salt if it is absolutely essential.

What else should be attended to?

Clear the snow onto the edge of the pavement and not onto the road. This way during the thaw one ensures that the water flows away well. Do not worry if snow from the street reaches the freshly cleaned pavement. Frequently this is unavoidable. Keep a sufficient distance for access of snowplough-gritter. Remember: Snowploughs are up to 3 m wide, which is equivalent to the width of two cars standing side-by-side. Also remember rubbish removal! Clear snow from paths leading to rubbish containers.