

You must qualify for this service under Codified Ordinance 959.01

(Basic Snow Removal Service for Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities, and Deployed Active Military Personnel.)

A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY

Resident's Name (**PRINT**): _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell: _____

Additional Occupants (residing in same household):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Birthdate: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Birthdate: _____

Eligibility & Fees - **Check (✓) ALL statements that apply. FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

- All residents residing in this home are 60 years of age or older AND any additional occupant(s) residing at this home cannot remove snow due to documented disability. **Ages 60 - 74: \$50.00 per season, Ages 75+: \$25.00 per season.**
- The resident(s) under age 60 residing in this home cannot remove snow due to permanent disability. **\$25.00 per push.**
- The resident head of household residing in this home is active military for a branch of the U.S. Armed Services and deployed at least fifteen (15) consecutive days during the snow season. **\$25.00 per season**
- The resident(s) residing in this home qualify for a HEAP and/or PIPP discount. **\$15.00 per season.**

Type of Driveway - **Check (✓) ALL that apply:**

Paved Driveway Gravel Driveway Shared Driveway Other: _____

Please sign below acknowledging you have received, read, and agree to the terms and conditions of the Snow Removal Service (see back of application for terms and conditions):

Resident's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return Snow Removal Application and Payment to: (Make checks payable to "City of Independence")

City of Independence C.S. Dept.
6363 Selig Drive
Independence, OH 44131-4926

- I prefer to pay by credit or debit card. Please call me when my application is received and I will pay by phone.
- Please email a receipt.
- Please mail a paper receipt to my home address.

Consent to Enter Upon Property For Snow Removal & Release of All Claims Against the City of Independence Possibly Arising Therefrom

I, _____ (**RESIDENT**), having submitted an application for Snow Removal to the City of Independence, Ohio ("City"), for the City to provide me with certain snow removal services, grant permission to the City, and its officials, employees, agents, and assigns, to come upon my property for the purpose of removing snow. In consideration of the City providing snow removal services, the undersigned does hereby expressly **release, waive, and discharge the City of Independence, its officials, employees, agents, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, costs, demands, losses, damages, injury, illness, accident, dismemberment, or death** resulting from the acts of active or passive negligence on the part of the City, its officials, employees, agents, and assigns relative to this program.

I, the undersigned, having read and understood the foregoing, have executed this consent and release on the day and year appearing after my signature below. I also certify that the above checked statements are true and correct.

Resident's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

IF RENTING, Signature of Homeowner Required:

Homeowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Homeowner Address: _____ Homeowner Phone: _____

ELIGIBILITY & FEES

- Eligibility is based on age, documented disability, and/or military deployment, AND permanent Independence residency.
- **All residents living in the home must certify that they are at least 60 years of age or older** to qualify for this service. Proof of age and residency may be required.
- **Fees (nonrefundable):**
 - Ages 60 - 74: **\$50.00** per season
 - Ages 75+: **\$25.00** per season
- **Applicants under the age of 60** must provide **annual documentation** to certify they have a disability that prohibits them from removing snow **AND certify that they do not live with an individual capable of snow removal.** For permanent disabilities, a notice of **Social Security** or **Veteran's Administration Disability Statement** must be provided: **\$25.00** per *push*.
- **Deployed Active Military Personnel:** The resident homeowner living in the home is active military for a U.S. Armed Services branch and is deployed for a period of at least fifteen (15) consecutive days during the snow removal season. **Documentation required: \$25.00** per season.
- Residents who qualify for this service AND have **HEAP and/or PIPP** must **provide annual documentation** for a discounted rate: **\$15.00** per season.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- **Annual registration is required. Registration begins Monday, October 2, 2023.**
- If applicant lives in a rental property, the property owner must also sign the application.
- **Online Registration:** sign up and pay online: www.IndependenceOhio.org (online option not available for renters—see above)
- Registration deadline is 9:00 PM on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023.**
- Any applications received after 9:00 PM on **Tuesday, October 31, 2023** may

incur a **\$25.00 late registration fee.**

- For more information on the registration process, please contact the **Community Services Department at 216.524.7373.**

Please do not use this service as your only means of having snow removed from your property. If it is necessary for you to leave home frequently or have visitors to your home - regardless of the weather - you should make arrangements with a private contractor.

GENERAL INFORMATION & SERVICE PROVIDED:

- Snow removal consists of a standard size [8 ft.] snowplow making two (2) passes on the resident's **primary driveway only for the purpose of emergency entrance and exit.**
- This service is for snowplowing of one (1) driveway at the residence. For turnaround and horseshoe driveways, only the driveway area closest to the garage will be plowed.
- Service is activated when snow accumulates **four (4) inches or more AND after all City streets have been plowed** as determined by the Service Director.
- Once contractors are notified to start service, they have **sixteen (16) hours** to complete their scheduled routes. **If you need your driveway plowed regularly, please consider hiring a private contractor in addition to or in place of this service.**
- Staking/marking the driveway is up to the individual contractor's discretion. If the contractor has not staked the driveway by the start of the service, the homeowner may stake it.
- Street addresses must be clearly displayed on the residence and visible from the street. All limbs, branches, and bushes hanging over the driveway must be trimmed before service begins.

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

- **Contractors will only plow one (1) time each snow event.** They will not return to

clear drifts after snow has been plowed.

- **Contractors do not arrive at a set time.** Immediate response to requests cannot be accommodated. If snow plowing is needed at a specific time, the homeowner should obtain an additional or alternate contractor since the purpose of this service is emergency entrance and exit.
- Contractors will only plow up to and not next to vehicles (the best that they can) in the driveway, and only up to two (2) feet in front of garage doors. **They will not wait for vehicles to be moved or return after vehicles are moved.**
- **It is recommended that garage doors remain closed when the contractor is plowing.** Contractors are not responsible for plowing snow out from inside of a garage.
- Contractors are not responsible for and will not remove ice build-up, compacted snow, or snow piles that have accumulated throughout the season. **They will not hand shovel or salt any area on the property.**
- After the snow season, homeowners are responsible for repairing minor lawn damage caused by the plow. If lawn damage is excessive, please contact the **Service Department at 216.524.9191.**

UNDERSTANDING & DISCLAIMER

Participants of this service must fully cooperate with The City of Independence. The City of Independence retains the right to terminate your service at the City's discretion even after you are approved for the program in the event you or anyone on your behalf engages in unreasonable behavior toward any City employees, City officials, or contractors, and/or submits excessive and unreasonable complaints regarding your service.

When registering for this service, you must sign a **snow removal waiver** to acknowledge that you have **read and agree to** the terms and conditions of the Snow Removal Service, all of which are listed on this page.