



City of Cambridge Press Release

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Who is Responsible?

Roles of Residents and the City

Cambridge, MD (Sept. 15, 2025). Residents and property owners in Cambridge may not always be aware of the specific City code requirements that define whether they, the City, or a utility company, are responsible for maintaining and/or repairing certain areas.

For example, who is required to remove weeds in sidewalks? If a public sidewalk abuts a property owner's parcel, the property owner must clear the weeds from the sidewalk.

How long does a property owner have to clear snow from the public sidewalk abutting their property? Thirty-six hours after the snow stops falling.

Who is responsible for keeping the water pit visible so that City water meter readers can access it? The property owner is responsible for keeping the pit visible.

Answering this type of question is not always obvious, so City staff have put together a chart that can help residents with answers tied to property ownership. The chart can be accessed at: <https://www.choosecambridge.com/DocumentCenter/View/3038/Responsibilities> . The chart can be enlarged by clicking on the plus sign at the top of the page.

Visit [choosecambridge.com](https://www.choosecambridge.com) for the most up-to-date information for residents and sign up for email or text alerts for a variety of topics. Residents can sign up at Notify Me® [Notify Me](#) (Ctrl+ click to open link) on the City's website.

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