



## It's a New Year!

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### Recycle your Tree!

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### Let's Be Clear about Clearing Snow

Chicago Municipal Code 10-8-180, "every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the city abutting upon any public way or public place shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of such building or lot of ground."

In other words....

SHOVEL YOUR  
WALK! :)



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### Fix Your Sidewalk

The **Shared Cost Sidewalk Program** is an extremely popular program in which residents share the cost of sidewalk repair with the City. The program has been a successful service for many years, offering an outstanding value to property owners. All property owners pay the same square-foot cost for new sidewalk: \$3 per square foot--well below what a private contractor would charge.

The 2012 program opens to new applicants January 1, 2012. Applications will only be accepted through the City's 311 system by phone or [on-line here](#). Owner information and the property address must be provided at the time of request.

Participation will proceed on a first-come, first-served basis. Note that the program typically reaches capacity quickly, so you are encouraged to apply early in the year. Please also note that if you applied for the program in previous years, you must apply again in 2012. For more information, click [here](#).

### Make a New Year's Resolution for Your Dog

Reuniting you with your lost pet is just one of the many benefits of registering your dog. Dog registration is required to obtain the necessary permit and tag to access Chicago Park District Dog Friendly Areas (DFAs). In addition, city dog registration is required when taking your pet to an animal care facility that boards or provides dog day care services.

Chicago's dog registration tag is a simple sticker that is adhered to the back of the rabies vaccination tag. The sticker contains the unique dog registration number as well as the phone number for the City Clerk's missing dog and registration hotline, 312-744-DOGS (3647).

Dog registration is \$5 for neutered or spayed dogs or \$2.50 for sterilized dogs with a Chicago owner over age 65. Unsterilized

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dogs are \$50 to register or \$5 if the owner is age 65 or older. City dog registrations are available in 1 or 3 year increments, with the expiration date coinciding with the rabies expiration.

The Department of Animal Care and Control recently announced that they plan to increase enforcement of dog registration in 2012. Fines range from \$30 to \$200. Dog registration can be done in person at the City Clerk's Office, located at 121 N. LaSalle St., online at [chicityclerk.com](http://chicityclerk.com) or an application can be mailed to the owner by calling 312-744-DOGS (3647).

Sincerely,

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