

CHURCH SNOW REMOVAL

Instructions

It is the responsibility of our church to remove snow from the sidewalks along our property lines on South Street and Main Street. Snow removal is necessary after every snowfall. It is important to clear sidewalks each morning as early as possible. The sidewalk and steps to the rear entrance of the church should also be cleared. The steps to the kitchen entrance should always be cleared to avoid snow and ice build-up.

Snow removal instructions: (Get key from church office – return key when your signup week is completed)

- 1. Use snow shovel inside rear entrance door to clear back steps and sidewalk to the street. Both back steps should always be cleared to avoid build-up of snow and ice.**
- 2. Get key to garage (located on keyring hanging on key rack on left side inside the table and chair storage closet. (Key ring has a large wood key attached.) Open side door to enter garage. Open overhead door from inside.**
- 3. Open garage and check snowblower. (There is a light switch inside the small side-entry door. There is also a light switch to the right of the garage door for an outside flood light). Check oil and add gas if needed. Use snowblower to clear sidewalks along South and Main Streets. Clear sidewalks to our property line. Try to remove snow down to the concrete so that ice doesn't build up. Do not blow snow into the street.).**

Snowblower starting instructions:

- Turn key on**
- Set choke to full choke. (Choke is on the left rear side of the engine)**
- Advance throttle to half way (throttle is just below the choke)**
- Push rubber priming button 5 times. (located to the right of the choke)**

- *Pull starter cord with a swift, steady pull. (engine should fire immediately).*
- *Let engine run a minute to warm up while slowly opening the choke. When the engine is running smoothly, you are ready. Operate snowblower at full throttle.*
- *The squeeze handle on the left handle bar engages the wheels*
- *The squeeze handle on the right handlebar engages the snow blower*
- *The crank handle rotates the snow chute to discharge snow to the right or left side*
- *The lever with notches adjusts the ground speed. All the way back is reverse. Move the handle forward to the desired ground speed. If the snow is deep, select a slower speed.*

4. Clear the sidewalk to the front entrance doors every time (again to avoid snow build-up). Also clear the ramp between the sidewalk and Main Street.
5. Spread salt on sidewalk areas to keep them clear of ice. Use the green salt spreader located in the garage. The metering is set to provide a proper delivery rate. Fill the spreader about 2/3 full using the bagged salt in the garage. Do not leave salt in the spreader. It hardens quickly in damp air.
6. Spread salt by hand on the back steps. The salt is in a yellow bucket inside the back door beneath the coat rack. There are bags of salt for refilling the bucket.

Thank you for your service. If you have questions or problems, please call Dick Peterson (387-5486 home or 725-2741 cell).