

# New Jersey's Snow Removal Law A Guide for Municipalities



## About this Booklet

This booklet has been created to assist municipalities in complying with New Jersey's Snow Removal Law. The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities' grassroots advocacy project, "Monday Morning," was instrumental in getting the law passed. Included in this booklet is a copy of the law.



**Any obstruction to accessible parking is ILLEGAL!**

Governor Christine Whitman signed the "Snow Removal Bill" into law on August 16, 1999. This legislation penalizes the owner or controller of a parking area for failing to remove snow, ice or other obstacles from accessible parking spaces, curb cuts and other improvements designed to provide accessibility. Ice or snow must be removed from the parking space, curb cut or other improvement **within 48 hours after snow has stopped falling. A violator of this provision would be subject to a penalty of not less than \$200 or more than \$500.** This law is NOT limited to WINTERTIME! All year round debris, shopping carts, and other obstacles in the handicapped parking spaces or blocking curb cuts make it very difficult and dangerous for people with disabilities to get out of their vehicles and to their destination.



# NEW JERSEY SNOW REMOVAL LAW

## CHAPTER 182

**An Act concerning parking spaces for handicapped motorists and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.**

**Be It Enacted** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

**C.39:4-207.9 Parking spaces for handicapped; requirement for snow removal.**

1. a. A person who owns or controls a parking area which is open to the public or to which the public is invited and which contains special parking spaces for the use of persons who have been issued a placard or wheelchair symbol license plates pursuant to P.L.1949, c.280 (C.39:4-204 et seq.) shall be responsible for assuring that access to these special parking spaces and to curb cuts or other improvements designed to provide accessibility for handicapped persons is not obstructed.

b. If snow or ice is obstructing the special parking space, curb cut or other improvement designed to provide accessibility for the handicapped, it shall be removed within 48 hours after the weather condition causing the snow or ice ceases.

c. A person who violates this act shall be liable for a penalty of not less than \$200 or more than \$500.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

—Approved August 16, 1999



The following municipalities have responded to the campaign to enforce the Snow Removal Law:

Port Republic  
Ridgewood  
Little Falls  
Manville  
Carteret  
Chatham  
Montgomery  
Montvale  
Ocean Township  
Perth Amboy  
Raritan Township  
West Paterson  
Ventnor City  
Franklin Lakes  
Camden  
Trenton

**What can we do?** If your town is not listed above, contact the Monday Morning Project and we can provide a presentation on the Snow Removal Law. Or visit our website at [www.njcdd.org](http://www.njcdd.org)

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