



City of Jersey City - JC SHOVELS APPLICATION FOR SENIORS

JC Shovels is in its second year and is a partnership with the Jersey City Department of Public Works (DPW) and Health & Human Services (HHS). This volunteer driven initiative aims to help low-income seniors and disabled homeowners with snow removal. Please read the following guidelines before filling out an application.

Guidelines

The qualifications for the JC Shovels Program are:

- Participants should be disabled or 60 years of age or older.
- Own and live in the property where the service will be provided (owner occupied, primary residence).
- Lack the resources to shovel snow (cannot afford professional service, do not live with or near able body relatives).
- Home must be a one or two unit home occupied by qualifying applicants.
- Resident must meet income requirement (see attached income qualification form).

Services

The following are the services that participants can expect to receive from the JC Shovels program:

- Volunteers are expected to shovel the front sidewalk and path to the main entrance of the house.
- Volunteers are **NOT** to shovel driveways or private walkways.
- If your property is on the corner, both walkways will be shoveled and a path to the street crossing will be created.
- Volunteers are to shovel and salt all walkways and paths.
- Volunteers are **NOT** to accept money for service being provided and **NOT** for any reason to enter the homes of any senior/disabled individuals.
- Volunteers will be provided with shovels and salt by the Department of Public Works.
- Shoveling will be performed within 24 hours after it stops snowing.

Submitting an application does not automatically guarantee enrollment in the program. All applications will be reviewed by HHS to determine its eligibility. Completed Applications can be mailed to the Department of Public Works: 13-15 Linden Ave. East, 3rd Floor, Jersey City, NJ 07305. Applications are also accepted via email to at jcshovels@jcnj.org. For additional information please call the Division of Senior Affairs at (201)547-5750.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

How do I apply for the JC Shovels Program?

You can request an application by calling the Department of Public Works, (201) 547-4391 or e-mail jcshovels@jcnj.org.

What are the requirements for the JC Shovels program eligibility?

The recipient must be 60 years or older or disabled and must be the owner of either a one or two family home. Seniors who live with or near able bodied family members Do Not Qualify.

Is there a cost involved with the JC Shovels program?

*No, there is no cost for seniors. *No money is to be exchanged between the volunteer(s) and the senior/disabled individuals.*

Do I have to call each time it snows?

No, once approved, you will be eligible for the entire snow season.

Is there deadline for application process?

YES. In order to provide services, Department of Public Works must have completed the application at least 72 hours prior to snow storm.

When will the shoveling begin?

*The shoveling will occur within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.
Volunteers will only be activated for snow accumulation of 2 inches or more.*

Will volunteers shovel my driveway and dig out my car?

No, volunteers will only shovel a walking path wide enough for people to pass by unobstructed. The path will only be shoveled the length of the front sidewalk and up to the front door, including any steps to your main entrance.

Do I have to provide shovels and salt?

No, the volunteer will bring shovels, rock salt and all the supplies needed to clear your walkway.

Who do I contact if my walkway has not been shoveled within 24 hours after the snow?

You should contact the Department of Public Works at (201)547-4391 or e-mail jcshovels@jcnj.org.

Will I receive a violation from the city if my walkway has not been shoveled?

No, once a senior/disabled is registered for the JC Shovels program, they will not receive a violation for failure to shovel.