

City of Jersey City - JC SHOVELS APPLICATION FOR SENIORS

JC Shovels is a program run by the Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to help low-income seniors and disabled homeowners with snow removal. This service is provided by volunteers. Please read the following guidelines before filling out an application.

Guidelines

Qualifications for the JC Shovels Program:

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

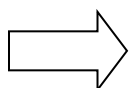
Services

Services that participants can expect from the JC Shovels program:

- Volunteers are to shovel front sidewalks and path to the main entrance of the house.
- Volunteers are **NOT** to shovel driveways or private walkways.
- On corner lots, both walkways will be shoveled and a path to the street crossing will be created.
- Volunteers are **NOT** to accept money and may **NOT** enter participants' homes.
- The Department of Health & Human Services will provide volunteers with shovels.
- Shoveling will be performed within 24 hours of the snowfall's conclusion.

Submitting an application does not guarantee enrollment. Applications will be reviewed by HHS to determine eligibility. Completed applications can be mailed to the Dept. of Health & Human Services, Division of Seniors Affairs, One Jackson Square, Jersey City, NJ 07305. Applications are also accepted via email at jcshovels@jcnj.org. For additional information, please call the Division of Senior Affairs at (201) 547-4391.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

How do I apply for the JC Shovels Program?

Mail a completed application to the Dept. of Health & Human Services, Division of Seniors Affairs, One Jackson Square, Jersey City, NJ 07305 or email applications to jcshovels@jcnj.org.

What are the eligibility guidelines requirements for the JC Shovels program?

*The recipient must be 60+ years old **or** disabled, and must be the owner of 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, and 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, the Division of Senior Affairs must have completed the application at least 72 hours prior to a snowstorm.

When will the shoveling begin?

The shoveling will occur within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Volunteers are only 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. 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?

No, the volunteer will bring shovels needed to clear your walkway.

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

You should contact the Division of Senior Affairs 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 registered for the JC Shovels program, you will not receive a violation for failure to shovel.