

Snow Buddies Program

General Information



Before work has begun for the season, the following list of points should be discussed by the Buddy and the Senior/Adult. This will help to ensure that each party understands each other's expectations of the job.

1. Area to be shovelled

Buddies should be sure that they understand what areas they are responsible for clearing. The senior/adult should indicate exactly where the snow should be shoveled.

2. When the work is done

Senior/Adult should call the Buddy when shoveling is needed.

If Buddies cannot shovel in the morning before school begins, Seniors/Adults should be made aware of this.

If Buddies are on vacation and will not be available to shovel, they should call the Snow Buddies line at 519.442.1818 so that we can try and arrange for a back-up Buddy in case it snows. They should also let the Senior/Adult know when they are going to be away as the Senior/Adult may also need to arrange for alternative help if we cannot find a back up.

3. Equipment

Please discuss whether or not the Buddy is expected to bring his/her own shovel or if the Senior/Adult has one available.

Be aware that Buddies are not permitted to use snow blowers.

4. Payment

It is very important that both parties agree to an amount each time the area is shoveled. Work should not begin if either party feels that a fair price has not been negotiated.

Please use the [Price Guidelines](#) included in the package to help you to decide on an agreed amount. Be aware that as snowfalls vary in amounts, prices will vary as well. If clearing the area takes twice as much time after a large snowfall, then perhaps twice the amount should be paid.

Please call 519.442-1818 or email: recservices@brant.ca for any other information.
Messages are checked daily, Monday to Friday.



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5. Volunteers

If Buddies are working as volunteers for high school community service hours, then seniors/adults should be told that they will be keeping track of hours and signing a form at the end of the season. Students should request the form from their high school Guidance Departments and also keep a running total of the hours worked.

6. Safety

To ensure both the safety of Seniors/Adults and Buddies, we recommend that Buddies do not enter the home of a client.

If it is necessary to obtain signatures for work done, as in the case of high school volunteer hours or to sign a Veteran's form for seniors, both parties should be aware that this is expected at the beginning of the season.

If the Buddy is required to spread salt, the Buddy should know where it is kept. If the Buddy is not comfortable with the location, then an agreed area should be decided on at the beginning of the season.

Buddies should never be asked to do any work with snow blowers, or other machinery.