Safe Sidewalks, a coalition of groups in the City of Newton, researched how other communities currently handle the issue of sidewalk snow clearance. The table below is of 11 communities within Route 128 that have residential sidewalk snow clearing ordinances. Safe Sidewalks found that compliance was more likely to be higher if communities actively enforce their ordinances or policies. Although not consistent as a variable, communities with high compliance levels also had multiple examples of educational materials that went to all residents (e.g., via tax or water bills) and were posted on municipal websites.²

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<th>Municipality</th>
<th>Time Allotted for Residents</th>
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<td>3-6 hours</td>
<td>$50-$100</td>
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<td>Brookline</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cambridge</td>
<td>12 hours snow/6 hours ice</td>
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<td>24 hours</td>
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³ Not in ordinance, but in practice.