

**Will the City's contractor restore my lawn area?**

The sidewalk replacement contract includes the provision that the contractor repair or replace lawn that may be disturbed by removal and replacement of the sidewalk.

**Is the City's contractor insured?**

Yes, the successful bidder for the concrete contract is insured and bonded.

**Who pays for sidewalk ramps?**

The city assumes the cost for replacement of area of the sidewalk intersections where the sidewalk extends toward the roadway (sometimes called sidewalk ramps). Private walks that extend out from the sidewalk (not at corner crossings) are the responsibility of the property owner.

**What if I have sandstone sidewalks?**

The City Sidewalk Program will remove the sandstone and replace it with concrete.

In cases where the homeowner would like to keep the sandstone for personal use, the contractor will remove the sandstone and place it on homeowner's property. These residents must contact the contractor directly.

If you would like to keep sandstone as your sidewalk, you can hire a contractor who resets sandstone or pull a permit and level the slabs yourself. However, all work must have a final inspection in order to remediate the violation at your property.

**What if the City tree caused the damage?**

The current city sidewalk program does not charge residents for repairs to portions of sidewalk damaged by city-owned trees.

**For additional information,  
please visit the City's website at:  
[www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com)**



**SIDEWALK  
REPLACEMENT  
PROGRAM**



**If you've received this brochure,  
areas of sidewalk next to your  
property have been identified as in  
need of repair. Information in this  
brochure will help explain  
the program to you.**

**If you have questions (not answered  
by the enclosed information)  
please feel free  
to contact us at:  
216-529-6677  
[Sidewalk@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:Sidewalk@lakewoodoh.net)**

## From the Department of Public Works

A vital service of the City of Lakewood is to address the needs and safety of our neighborhoods.

Lakewood Codified Ordinance §903.10 states that it is the adjacent property owner's responsibility to maintain and keep in good repair, sidewalks, driveway aprons and the tree lawn area between sidewalks and curb on the edge of the roadway.

The Public Works Department presents the information here to summarize the procedures of the City's Sidewalk Program. We hope that you find the information useful and understandable.

## Why is a sidewalk replacement program necessary?

Sidewalks were constructed in accordance with specifications in order to assure a long, useful life. However, the strongest pavement materials wear out in time and need to be repaired or replaced.

Our first concern should be the safety of residents in our walkable community and the Sidewalk Program addresses this issue.

## How does this work?

Annually, certain areas of the city are scheduled for inspection based upon a rotation so that every area of the City is inspected once every 10 years. Inspections are performed by Public Works Department employees. Sidewalk sections in need of replacement are marked with paint and recorded — an "X" means that the slab needs replaced; and a marked line means that sidewalk needs grinding to make it level and meet ADA requirements.

Once marked, a notice is sent to the property owner **in the spring of the following year** advising repairs are necessary. Following completion of the work, the city's Finance Department will send a bill to the owner for their portion of repairs, excluding tree damage. Property owners have 30 days to pay the bill for replacement. If you choose not to pay, an assessment will be applied against your tax duplicate and collected as an addition to your property taxes. An interest charge on any unpaid balance will be added to the assessment amount when certified to the County Auditor for property tax collection.

## My sidewalk was marked. What do I need to do?

With our 180 miles of sidewalks, Lakewood is among the most walkable cities in the state of Ohio. We're proud of that. In order to maintain our pedestrian-friendly community, we're asking residents to help keep our sidewalks walkable and safe.

You may opt to participate in a program offered by the city in order to repair your sidewalk. The city has requested pricing from and hired contractors to perform the repairs for an **estimated** cost of— \$225 for replacing a 5x5 slab and \$50 for grinding; the city will manage the contractors and the work. You would pay the city for the repairs made excluding tree damage. Expect a letter from the city, explaining the program.

If you wish to have the City's contractor replace your sidewalk. Simply contact the Sidewalk Program either by phone at 216-529-6677 or email [sidewalk@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:sidewalk@lakewoodoh.net) by the deadline date stated in your letter.



## What are replacement guidelines?

- ◆ Adjoining blocks or portions thereof whose edges differ vertically by 1/2" or more.
- ◆ Any block having a crack 1/2" or more wide or cracked surfaces. If there is a differential heaved or uneven settlement, then the sidewalk block must be replaced as marked.
- ◆ Blocks that have holes in them 1/2" or larger in diameter or are cracked and broken so that pieces are missing or loose.
- ◆ Blocks having depressions and or holding water.
- ◆ Blocks having a cross-slope in excess of 1/2" vertical per one foot horizontal.
- ◆ Blocks that cause a change in longitudinal grade of the sidewalk of more than 3" in five feet.
- ◆ Blocks where the broken surface exposes a rough surface of coarse stone, a condition known as "spalling."
- ◆ Brick, stone, or asphalt sidewalks are prohibited.
- ◆ Water stop boxes, gas stop boxes etc., that are not set to proper grade will be replaced.

## If someone other than the City's contractor does the work: Can I do the work myself?

Yes, you may make the necessary replacement yourself or hire a contractor of your choice. All work must be completed according to Lakewood standards and requires a permit, a 24 hour advanced notice for a pre- and post-inspection.

Patching or ramping will not be permitted and is not a permanent solution.

Temporary fixes will fail final inspections.

Obtain a permit from the Building Department at City Hall. Specification can be obtained when the permit is received or on the city's website at:

[www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com).