



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

Sidewalk Replacement Policy

The City of East Grand Rapids rehabilitates or replaces sidewalk in the City each year based on a replacement schedule (see replacement schedule map).

If a sidewalk has a two-inch or larger vaulted trip hazard, the City will send DPW staff to place a barricade and the section of sidewalk will be replaced as soon as possible.

If a resident requests that sidewalk be replaced that is not in the targeted replacement area and does not have a two- inch or larger vaulted trip hazard, it is possible that sidewalk can be replaced. Replacement is subject to the following:

- Sidewalk sections must meet the required replacement criteria:
 - Sidewalk section is cracked in more than three pieces
 - Sidewalk section has surface spalling more than twenty-five percent
 - Sidewalk is vaulted from an adjacent section of sidewalk by three-quarter inch or more
 - Sidewalk section does not drain well or is sunken and can be corrected while adjacent sections are repaired/replaced
 - Sidewalk section has holes, chips or broken off edges that create a gap in pavement that creates a trip hazard
- The City will send an employee to verify the condition of the sections of sidewalk requested for replacement.
- If sections of sidewalk meet replacement criteria and it is verified by City inspection, the resident must submit a request for approval in writing along with photo verification of sections of sidewalk that meet the replacement criteria. Measurement devices must be included in the pictures (example: ruler next to vaulted section showing more than ¾" vaulted section).
- Based on available funds for replacement in the budget the City may or may not approve reimbursement for sidewalk replacement. If funds are available and the City approves the replacement request, the resident must hire their own contractor for replacement. A right-of-way permit is required by the City for this work. When replacement is complete, the resident must resubmit the copy of the approved replacement request and verification of completion of work (photos and City inspection) in order to be reimbursed.
- The City will only reimburse residents for the total amount of removal and replacement from the most recent City contract and what was agreed to in the request. If the resident hires a contractor that replaces sidewalk sections at a higher cost than the most recent City contract, the resident will be responsible for the difference. If a resident wants other sidewalk sections replaced they must do so at their own expense.