

SIDEWALK REPAIRS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do property owners have to pay for sidewalk repairs?

Per the California Streets and Highways Code (Sections 5610-5618) and the City of Marysville Municipal Code (Sections 11.12.010), property owners are responsible and liable for any damaged sidewalk areas adjacent to their homes or businesses. Property owners also benefit from a safe and aesthetically pleasing sidewalk through increased property value.

What criteria are used to determine if a sidewalk needs to be repaired?

When evaluating sidewalks, Inspectors look for cracked, uneven surfaces, excessive deterioration, excessive slopes, and horizontal or vertical offsets that can cause tripping hazards. Once inspections have been completed property owners are notified of any sidewalk in need of repair.

Do property owners have to use the contractor provided by the City to make repairs?

No. Property owners may hire a contractor of their choosing to complete repairs. However, a City permit is required before completing any work.

Will my home owners insurance cover the cost to replace my sidewalk?

Please contact your insurance provider to determine if sidewalk, curb, and gutter repairs are covered, and it is also recommended that you double check your deductible amount.

RELEVANT STATE AND MUNICIPAL CODES

State Code: The California Streets and Highway Code, Section 5610 requires property owners to maintain any sidewalk in such condition that the sidewalk will not endanger persons or property and maintain it in a condition which will not interfere with the public convenience in the use of those areas.

Municipal Code: Marysville Municipal Code, Section 11.12.010 states that it shall be the responsibility of the property owner, within the corporate limits of the city, to maintain the curbs, gutters, sidewalks, curb cuts and driveways approaches in a

good state of repair at all times. Such structures shall be in such condition that they will not endanger persons or property passing thereon, will not interfere with the public convenience in the use thereof, or be or remain an obstruction or impediment to the normal, customary, and usual pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Property Owner Responsibility & City Disclaimer

In order to be consistent with State Law, the City of Marysville has a formal policy to ensure that appropriate oversight and consistent approach is provided when the City inspects and repairs sidewalks, curbs and gutters. The City's Sidewalk Ordinance delineates the responsibility for maintaining and repairing sidewalks to the owners of real property that are adjacent to, or which front any portion of a sidewalk. The City's Streets Maintenance Division in Public Works will perform certain temporary repairs on said sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Any temporary repairs installed or performed by the City are performed as a courtesy only, and shall not void, supersede or replace any duties of an adjacent property owner to implement permanent repairs.