



SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

All residential property owners are eligible to participate. Custom sidewalks (i.e., granite, colored, custom designs, etc.) are not eligible for the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

2. WILL THE DRIVEWAY APPROACH BE REPLACED?

The scope of work does not include replacing the driveway approach. If your driveway crosses the sidewalk, the scope of work will only include the sidewalk through the driveway.

3. WHO CAN I CALL TO REMOVE AND REPLACE MY SIDEWALK?

Once Street Maintenance Division approves your application, either paper application or on-line application, Street Maintenance will contact you to provide a phone number for the prequalified sidewalk contractor who has been selected by the City of Flint to replace your sidewalks.

4. WILL THE AREA RECEIVE TOP SOIL AND GRASS SEED IF DAMAGED?

The contractor is responsible for replacing any topsoil and grass seed removed during construction of sidewalk. The contractor is responsible for watering grass seed at least once during hot weather conditions.

5. WILL PAVERS OR OTHER STRUCTURES IN THE PARKWAY BE RESET WHEN WORK IS COMPLETED?

Brick pavers, fencing, and planters in the parkway may be removed during sidewalk construction and will be reset back to original location when sidewalk construction is completed.

6. WHAT IS A PRE-QUALIFIED SIDEWALK CONTRACTOR?

Contractor who has 5 years of demonstrated verifiable trade workmanship experience (i.e. certification by a trades union or Michigan Concrete Association as an ACI concrete finisher; or five years verified finishing experience with a concrete contractor.) Contractor must be licensed by the City of Flint as a Sidewalk Contractor and provide all insurance requirements to the City of Flint Clerk's office, 1101 S. Saginaw St. Flint, MI 48502.

Contractor has been approved to participate in the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program by the City of Flint Street Maintenance Division, and who has been qualified through the request for proposal (RFP) process.

7. WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO SEWER MANHOLE AND WATER CURB BOXES?

The contractor shall assume full responsibility for any damage to sewer manhole or curb boxes. When adjustment is necessary the proper Utility department shall be notified to make adjustments.

8. IS THERE ANY WARRANTY FOR THE WORK?

Yes, new sidewalk construction has a warranty of one year from the date of installation. The warranty shall cover significant deterioration of the sidewalk.

9. WHAT IS A HANDICAP RAMP?

Handicap ramps are the sidewalk squares on the corner that lead from the public sidewalk to the concrete curb. All corners in the city do not have handicap ramps.

10. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED HANDICAP RAMPS?

Handicap ramps that are damaged and need to be replaced must be inspected by the City of Flint's Right-of-way Officers to determine if replacement is warranted. If it is determined the ramp meets the city's criteria for replacement, the City shall pay 100% of the replacement costs.

11. WHAT DOES THE SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDE?

The 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program includes replacing the main sidewalk in front of the property, as well as the courtesy walk (the smaller walkway that runs perpendicular to the main walk, from the main walk to the curb).

12. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROPERTY OWNER?

- a. Complete the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program application either by picking up the application at the City of Flint, Street Maintenance Division, 702 Twelfth St. or completing the application on the City's website at cityofflint.com.
- b. Once the property owner is approved for participation, the property owner must submit 50% of the estimated sidewalk replacement cost to the City of Flint-Treasurer, 1101 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI, 48502, via cash, check or money order.
- c. Reach an agreement with the sidewalk contractor to identify a start date for removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks.

13. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SIDEWALK CONTRACTOR?

- a. It will be the responsibility of the contractor to contact the property owner to set up a date to remove and pour the new concrete sidewalk. The construction season runs approximately from April 15th to October 31st. Once enrollment for the year has closed, participation in the program will no longer be accepted and property owners will have to apply for the program the following year.
- b. Contact MISS DIG to locate any underground utilities.
- c. Provide construction warning tape or other City of Flint approved barricades to warn the public the sidewalk is closed.
- d. Provide a person(s) to monitor freshly poured concrete until concrete hardens; to prevent vandalisms and unintentional walking onto fresh poured concrete.

14. WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF FLINT?

To verify that the contractor is pre-qualified to participate in the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program and verify that the Contractor obtains a sidewalk permit from Building Inspection. **Note-the sidewalk permit fee will be waived for this program only, but a permit is required for internal payment tracking and processing.** Verify the contractor is licensed by the City of Flint as a sidewalk contractor through the City Clerk's office.

15. DOES THE CITY OF FLINT RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR CANCEL THE PROGRAM DURING ANY TIME?

To ensure fairness, requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

16. WHEN ARE CONTRACTORS PAID?

The City of Flint Department of Public Works will process payment to the contractor who has completed all the work as required by the terms of the Sidewalk Replacement Program following the completion of:

- a. Backfill all areas with topsoil and grass seed that were disturbed during construction of the new sidewalk.
- b. Passing final inspection by Right-of-way Enforcement officers, accepting workmanship as satisfactory completed, satisfactory replacement of top-soil, grass seed and mulching.
- c. After the City of Flint receives the initial 50% of the total cost for the sidewalk replacement from the property owner. The property owner shall make a retainage payment payable to the City of Flint-Treasurer before any replacement work begins.
- d. The City of Flint will process the payment to the contractor upon acceptance and completion of all required work that will include the property owner's 50% retainage and the City of Flint's 50% match.