

# DUBLIN SAFEWALKS PROGRAM SIDEWALK SHAVING

## SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In the City of Dublin, safety is our top priority. Sidewalks provide community-wide safety and connectivity benefits. Dublin is one of the few communities that provide residents with the service of repairing sidewalk safety issues at no direct charge to the property owners.

In December 2017, Dublin City Council amended the City code to clarify sidewalk maintenance requirements. The City is responsible for the repair or replacement of sidewalks, curbs or gutters unless the City Manager determines the owner or occupant of the adjacent property caused the damage to the sidewalk, curbs or gutters. Property owners remain responsible for keeping the sidewalks free of snow, ice or any nuisance.

As part of the 2018-2022 CIP, Council included \$250,000 per year for the Sidewalk Maintenance Program. Public Works staff will determine each year what work needs to be done and when based on field condition surveys.

Dublin primarily utilizes two methods for sidewalk repairs- shaving and replacement.

### Sidewalk Shaving

Sidewalk shaving is an effective way to remedy trip hazards on sidewalks that are otherwise in good condition. The process takes approximately 30-60 minutes per location. If a sidewalk cannot be shaved without compromising the structural integrity of the walk, the location will be added to the sidewalk replacement evaluation program to be funded in future years.

### Sidewalk Replacement

Sidewalk replacement is a more involved process than sidewalk shaving. It involves the removal and replacement of the existing sidewalk. The replacement process at each location typically takes less than ten days from start to finish.

**A portion of the sidewalk in front of your house has been identified for sidewalk shaving.**

## WHAT TO EXPECT

**During repair operations you can expect any of the following actions:**

1. Marking of sidewalk with spray paint
2. Shaving the edges of your concrete panels (The cutting process takes 30-60 minutes per location.)
3. Access to your sidewalk, and sometimes your driveway, may be briefly obstructed during the project hours.
4. We do not plan to disturb your private property. However, if any unforeseen damage does occur to your lawn it will be repaired.



## Ordinance 97.21

[dublinohiousa.gov/engineering/sidewalk-maintenance-program/](http://dublinohiousa.gov/engineering/sidewalk-maintenance-program/)



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How will I be affected during the repair process?**

During the sidewalk shaving process, access to your sidewalk, street and sometimes your driveway may be briefly obstructed.

The City does not plan to disturb your private property. However, if any damage does occur to your lawn, it will be repaired. The City appreciates the property owner's cooperation in watering newly seeded areas. Please notify your lawn services of any newly seeded areas on your property.

### **What about City services during the repair process?**

There will be no changes in your emergency services. There will be no changes in your refuse pick-up. All lawn waste, garbage and recyclable collection will continue according to their normal pick-up schedules.

### **What if I have a sprinkler system or underground dog fence by my sidewalk?**

The sidewalk shaving process will affect neither your sprinkler system nor dog fence.

### **What has the City done to keep debris and noise to a minimum?**

Construction projects can create noise, dust or other disruptions. To minimize these problems, the City will restrict construction hours to 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The contractor will also use a dust control vacuum attachment when running the equipment to minimize dust particles in the air and will clean up debris regularly. Despite the vacuum attachment on the saw, significant dust may be present during the shaving process. It is suggested you have your windows and garages closed during the shaving process.

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