

Milton Township Highway Department Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program

Each year, the Milton Township Highway performs sidewalk and curb maintenance to repair defective sections of sidewalk and curb throughout the Township. These repairs ensure safety for walkers as well as reduce liability for property owners and the Township.

The Milton Township Highway Department dictates that public sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. The Township has implemented a cost sharing sidewalk program to assist property owners in the upkeep of public sidewalks located throughout the Township. Once a piece of sidewalk has been identified as a safety hazard, it becomes a liability to the property owner and the Township and must be repaired according to the Townships Municipal Code. **Please report all unsafe side walk conditions here by clicking the [**REPORT A CONCERN BUTTON**](#)**

Sidewalk and curb that meet the maintenance criteria are marked with white paint. Sidewalk squares in need of maintenance are designated with a white "X" mark. Curb sections in need of maintenance are marked with painted arrows to represent the replacement boundaries. Red paint is then used to denote sidewalk and curb that is scheduled to be replaced in the current year's sidewalk and curb maintenance program. White painted areas may be replaced in coordination with the current year's resurfacing programs.



Examples of oversalted sidewalks and Cosmetic damage!
Program Criteria

The Milton Township Highway Department repairs and replaces sidewalks on a cost-sharing basis.

- For sidewalks adjacent to residential properties, the Township pays 50% and the resident pays 50%.
- For sidewalks adjacent to multi-family and commercial properties, the cost is split 50-50 between the Township and property owner.
- For multi-frontage residential lots, the Township pays 60% for the shorter frontage and 75% of the longer frontage; the homeowner pays the balance.

Additionally, the Township allows homeowners to replace sidewalks at their property through private contract. This allows for flexibility in replacing additional sections of sidewalk, in coordination with work on the private property, or when the resident wishes to be involved in the scheduling and management of the work on their property. Sidewalk and curb sections found to meet criteria for inclusion in the Township program are eligible for reimbursement if replaced through private contact.

To qualify, one of the following conditions must exist:

- Walks must be sunken or risen to a height difference of 1 ½ inches or more between sections



- Broken and separated into three or more pieces



- **50% or more of the surface deteriorated or spalling.**



Applicants will be contacted by the Township whether their sidewalk is eligible for the program or not. If their sidewalk qualifies, the Township will send a letter outlining the program.

Where sidewalks and curb are replaced through an asphalt driveway or apron, the Milton Township Highway Department will repair the affected area. Asphalt driveways will have an approximately 2' wide patch around the damaged area. When driveway access is restricted, residents will be notified a day in advance to allow street parking or access.



*PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DECORATIVE LANDSCAPING, SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND BURIED ELECTRONIC FENCE EQUIPMENT MUST BE LOCATED AND CLEARLY MARKED BY THE HOMEOWNER. PROTECTION OF THESE ITEMS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER. THE MILTON TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO UNMARKED SYSTEMS.

MILTON TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES

Each spring, the Milton Township Highway Department repairs and replaces damaged sidewalks on a cost-sharing basis through its Sidewalk Replacement Program. The program helps to keep all city sidewalks in good condition. Eligibility for the Sidewalk Replacement Program is determined through an inspection by the department. In order for a section of sidewalk to qualify for the city's Sidewalk Replacement Program, one of the following conditions must exist:

- Sidewalk must be sunken or risen to a height difference of one inch or more between sections
- Sidewalk must be broken or separated into three or more pieces
- Fifty percent or more of the sidewalk surface must be deteriorated

(Milton Township does not cover any sidewalk squares that are a result of oversalting or having cosmetic damage.)

If eligible, property owners have the option of hiring a private contractor to repair their faulty sidewalks. To qualify for reimbursement property owner must comply with the following:

1. Prior to beginning any work, property owners must call (630) 682-4270, to schedule an inspection to confirm if one of the conditions listed above exists
2. The inspector will leave a door hanger stating whether or not the sidewalk meets the conditions for reimbursement.
3. If sidewalk meets the criteria for reimbursement, the hired contractor must be licensed with the city and obtain the necessary permits to perform the work in the public right-of-way.
4. Upon completion of the work, the property owner must submit a copy of their paid invoice to the city for reimbursement of the city's portion. The invoice must have a square footage amount of sidewalk work completed and a unit price of cost per square foot for the sidewalk. The invoice must be marked "PAID" or a copy of the processed check must be included.
5. When the invoice is processed, the township will conduct an inspection of the completed work to ensure that it meets department standards. The processing period typically takes 3-4 weeks. In general, for single family homes the property owner will be reimbursed a maximum of 50 percent of the cost that the Milton Township Highway Department would have paid for the work under the townships program.