

## Restoration of Disturbed Areas

Restoration begins as soon as possible after new curb & gutter, driveway apron and sidewalk have been poured. Contractors are required to use high quality topsoil and seed.

You can assist with the restoration by watering the ground lightly every day until grass has been mowed once or twice. Then water more heavily and less frequently.

## De-Icing Sidewalks in Winter

“Spalling” is the damage which occurs to the surface of newly poured sidewalk during the winter due to the use of salt. If possible, do not use salt during the first winter, but rather another method of de-icing.

## Additional Resources

For information about care and restoration of disturbed turf areas, check out: [www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/constructionsidewalk.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/constructionsidewalk.cfm)

**Questions About  
Sidewalk Repair & Rehabilitation Program**  
Call the City Engineering Sidewalk Program,  
(608) 266-4537 or (608) 266-4088.

**Billing Questions:** Contact the Comptroller's Office,  
(608) 266-4008.

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**Providing better sidewalks for  
pedestrians**

# Sidewalk Repair & Rehabilitation Program



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## Dear Property Owner:

The Annual Sidewalk Repair and Rehabilitation Program includes your area this year. This program is designed to bring defective sidewalk up to current standards. **It does not mean all sidewalk will be replaced.**

### Replacement Criteria:

Sidewalk is considered for replacement if it is:

- Broken
- Offset
- Settled
- Ponding

### What Will Be Replaced?

City sidewalk inspectors use white paint to mark an “X” on damaged sections. Arrows and dashes indicate multiple sections for removal. The final decision on a slab’s removal is made at the time of construction when ends and sides are exposed.

### What Will Be Sawcut?

A pink paint mark with a white “c” means the slab is eligible for sawcutting, which is done at **no cost** to the property owner.

This procedure saves the slab by tapering the offset with a smooth, uniform and slip-resistant finish. Due to specialized sawcutting equipment, property owners are not permitted to use a grinder to remove offsets.

### Questions or Disagreement About Your Estimate or Marked Sections?

Please contact the Engineering Division at 266-4088 or 266-4537. You may make arrangements to have the marks and estimate reviewed by a sidewalk inspector.

### Performance & Billing of Work: Two Options

**Option One:** Property owners submit a Street Terrace Permit and hire a contractor licensed by the Board of Public Works to replace marked sidewalk. **Property owners pay 100% of the contractor’s price directly to them.** Please inform the Sidewalk Office, 266-4537, of this decision within 20 days of the date of this notice.

**Option Two:** The City awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder to replace sidewalk. Almost all property owners choose this option. There is no need to call the Sidewalk Office if you elect to use this option. **Property owners are responsible for one-half the cost of repairs.** Additional items, such as driveway restoration cost extra and will be assessed at full cost.

Under Option Two, property owners receive a “Special Assessment” in the mail when the contract is complete. The bill is not part of your annual property tax assessment. You may pay the bill in full without interest by October 31 of the year you receive the bill. Or, you may use the City’s five year installment plan. For payment options contact the Comptroller’s Office, 266-4008.

### Objects in the Right of Way

Objects such as **invisible fence, plantings, sprinkler system or pavers** within 12 inches of the sidewalk without a permit, may be subject to removal and/or repair at the property owner’s expense. Removing or marking these objects may reduce the risk of damage.

### Contractor’s Work Hours

Normal hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday with occasional work on Saturday. Barricades and “No Parking” signs with approximate start/end dates will be placed 48 hours in advance of construction. Complying with the “No Parking” restrictions will speed up work and save you a ticket and towing costs. Thank you for your cooperation.