

What about sprinkler systems or invisible fences for pets?

The contractor will repair the sprinkler line or head if damaged during construction located within the right-of-way. Property owners must notify Marine City within 60 days if they have sprinkler or invisible fence damage caused by sidewalk repairs. Otherwise, damage resulting from sidewalk repairs will be the property owner's responsibility.

How long before I can drive on the concrete on my driveway?

You may walk on the concrete 24 hours after it has been poured, however, no vehicle should be placed on the pavement for **seven days**.

Who is responsible for tree roots that have lifted my sidewalk?

Sidewalk damage caused by the tree roots is the responsibility of the homeowner. If a tree or planting is causing damage, the City reserves the right to remove the offending tree/plant and bill the homeowner.

A sidewalk marked for replacement is on the property line with my neighbor. How is responsibility determined?

The City inspector will visually determine the property line as best possible and paint a short green line to show the property line delineation. Re-evaluation of the property line will be made only if the homeowner locates and exposes the iron property line marker. The homeowner may need to hire a licensed land surveyor to locate the property line marker.

How can I find out more about Marine City's sidewalk ordinance and program?

A copy of Marine City's sidewalk ordinance can be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Works or visiting the Marine City web page.

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If a homeowner requests additional work of the Contractor awarded the bid, will this work be included with my bill?

Additional work arranged between the Contractor and Resident that is at the request of the Resident and has not been marked by Marine City for repair and replacement is considered side work. Upon the starting date of construction any side work done by the Contractor will not include flags already marked by the City. The homeowner can expect to receive a bill from the City for concrete flags the City marked. The additional side-work may require separate and/or additional permits from Marine City Department of Public Works or other outside agencies.

Can I use a different contractor other than the one hired by the City?

The homeowner can hire a contractor of their choice to complete the sidewalk repair within 60 days from the date of the notice. Upon completion of the sidewalk repair work the resident must contact the City for re-evaluation to be removed from the repair program. If the sidewalk repair work has not been completed within the 60 days, the City will send a final notice letter giving an additional (15) days to complete the work. Should the City perform the work after that time, the homeowner will be billed, no exceptions.

What is done about graffiti in a flagged sidewalk?

Sidewalk located within the right-of-way is considered public property. Foot, hand, or pet prints, including bike tracks, and carved words are all considered graffiti. If a homeowner has noticed defaced public property they should contact the City. If the concrete has just been poured the Contractor may be able remove the imprint. The extent of graffiti damage and method to repair the concrete sidewalk will be evaluated and determined by the City, however the cost is the responsibility of the homeowner.

MARINE CITY

SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROGRAM



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In an effort to promote safety in Marine City neighborhoods, as well as improve the appearance of the community, Marine City has adopted a sidewalk ordinance and program. This brochure is intended to answer some of the most common questions about Marine City's sidewalk ordinance and program.

Why are the sidewalks in my neighborhood being inspected?

The sidewalks in your neighborhood are being inspected to determine if any portion of the sidewalk is in need of replacement. This inspection is being done as part of Sidewalk Code of Ordinances – Chapter 90.

Why does Marine City have a sidewalk program?

The program was implemented in an effort to promote safety in Marine City neighborhoods, as well as improve the appearance of the community. Sidewalk maintenance is important to both appearance and value. Moreover, it may save a pedestrian from injury and you from an expensive lawsuit.

What happens if the inspector determines that my sidewalk needs to be replaced?

Once your sidewalk is inspected, you will be notified by mail. If any replacements need to be made you will receive a cost estimate letter, along with a notice detailing the sidewalk repairs needed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the replacements, please call the Marine City Department of Public Works Department (810-765-9711).

If the inspector determines that all or portions of the sidewalk in front of your property need to be replaced, there are three options you may choose from to handle the replacement. All sidewalks shall be constructed according to the construction standards established by the sidewalk inspection program.

Option #1

You may hire a licensed contractor to replace the sidewalk. The contractor will need to secure a permit from the Department of Public Works prior to commencement of work. The repairs shall be completed within 60 days of the Notice of Repairs form sent by the Department of Public Works following City specifications.

Option #2

You may choose to replace the marked sidewalk yourself. You will need to secure a permit from the Department of Public Works prior to commencement of work. Repairs must be completed within 60 days of the Notice of Repairs form sent by the Department of Public Works following City specifications.

Option #3

If you decide not to use Options 1 or 2 to complete your sidewalk replacement you should notify the Department of Public Works so payment and repair scheduling arrangements can be made. If you do not contact the Department of Public Works, Marine City will automatically have the work completed by the City's contractor. A processing fee of \$35.00 will be added to the total cost. Payments may be set up through a three year special assessment. During the first year, there shall be no interest charged on the balance. The second and third years will be assessed a 6% interest on the unpaid balance. Should the balance not be paid by the end of each year, it will be placed on the property tax bill as a Special Assessment Lien. The list of Special Assessments will be brought to the city commission for approval at the beginning of each tax year and be placed on your Summer Tax Bill. This will not include any private work contracted by the property owner.

What if the city's utility caused my sidewalk to need replacement?

Marine City will assume responsibility of replacing sidewalks that are damaged due to water, storm or sanitary sewer lead or a water or sanitary structure located beneath the sidewalk is determined by the utility inspector. The sidewalk sections to be repaired shall be marked with BLUE dots if repaired at Marine City expense and with BLACK dots for slabs to be replaced by the Owner.

May I have private work done by the city's contractor?

The contractor may elect to do private work although he/she is not obligated to do so. With all private work, you and the contractor negotiate the terms, including cost and payment. Proper permits must be obtained from St. Clair County and/or Marine City Department of Public Works (810-765-9711)

Will Marine City remove a tree that is damaging my sidewalk?

Marine City does not remove trees from the public road right-of-way unless they are fallen and causing a safety hazard.

Will my lawn need to be restored after the work?

Within a short time, the grass should restore itself. Usually only a few inches of grass adjacent to the defective sidewalk is uprooted. This strip is filled with topsoil and seed after the concrete forms are removed. Sod will not be laid in the interest of keeping repair costs to a minimum. The adjacent grass normally spreads quickly to the edge of the walk. Areas of restoration will also occur in the right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk due to equipment used by the contractor to remove and construct the sidewalk.