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REPAIR OF DAMAGED CITY SIDEWALKS PROGRAM



CITY OF PASADENA



DAMAGED CITY SIDEWALK FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is responsible for repairing damaged sidewalks in the City of Pasadena?

Per Section 12.04.030 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, sidewalk repair is the responsibility of the abutting property owner even if the damage was caused by a City owned tree.

2. I would like the existing concrete sidewalk removed, tree roots cut and a new sidewalk constructed. What should I do?

The property owner has the option of hiring his/her own contractor to do the repair work. This contractor must obtain a permit from the Department of Public Works prior to beginning work.

If you would like the City to do the work for you, please contact the Department of Public Works - Engineering Division at (626) 744-4191. An engineer will visit the site and prepare a cost estimate. You will be requested to submit a check to the City to cover the City's costs for repair. The cost is approximately \$10.00 per square foot. The construction will then be added to the next repair of concrete project which is scheduled annually.

3. I believe the sidewalk may be hazardous to pedestrians and I would like the City to make repairs for me. How can I get it repaired sooner than the City's annual contract?

The City will make temporary asphalt patch repairs as necessary at no charge. To request a temporary asphalt patch, contact the Department of Public Works maintenance yards at (626) 744-4158.

4. Will the City remove the tree in front of my property?

The City will make every attempt to save trees. The City Forester will determine whether the tree will be removed after evaluation of all conditions. Sections 8.52.070 and 8.52.080 of the Pasadena Municipal Code and the Tree Protection Ordinance apply.

5. Who is responsible for repairing damaged walls, steps, walkways, and driveways on my property?

Property owners are responsible for all repair work on their own property, even if the damage was caused by a City tree in the parkway.

6. Who is responsible for repair of the City's curb and gutter?

The City repairs curb and gutter (at no charge to the property owner) just prior to the resurfacing or the slurry sealing of the street. If the curb or gutter is damaged, hazardous or unsafe please contact the Department of Public Works - Engineering Division at (626) 744-4191.

7. What about my damaged driveway approach between the curb and sidewalk?

Any damage to drive approaches, including the curbs within the drive approach, is also the property owner's responsibility. The City is not currently repairing or replacing drive approaches for property owners; however partial replacement in occasionally necessary when the abutting sidewalk is replaced by the City. The cost is approximately \$15.00 per square foot.

8. When will the City require that I repair my sidewalk?

Damaged sidewalks and driveways must be repaired (or fees paid) before any property in the City is sold; failure to do so will delay escrow. Damaged sidewalks and driveways must also be repaired before the City will issue a building permit for \$20,000 or more.

If you have further questions, please call the Department of Public Works
Engineering Division at (626) 744-4191.
Questions specific to trees should be Directed to the Department of Public Works Parks and Natural Resources
Division at (626) 744-4321

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