

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Sidewalk Program

Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program FAQ

1. Why did the Town begin this program?

Sidewalks are a very important means of travel for our residents, especially children and senior citizens. The Town began this program in order to accomplish three primary goals: 1) improve our defective sidewalks and ensure that our walkways remain safe for all our residents, 2) provide a low-cost and convenient sidewalk repair option to Flower Mound homeowners, and 3) maintain property values throughout the Town.

2. I thought the Town took care of sidewalks. Why do I have to pay for it?

Sidewalks in Flower Mound are the responsibility of the property owner. Cities throughout Texas handle sidewalk maintenance differently. Like many other cities, the Town maintains sidewalks adjacent to arterial or collector streets, adjacent to public property, all park trails, and handicap ramps on public streets. The Town does not maintain sidewalks adjacent to private property. Early in Flower Mound's history, Town leaders made a policy decision to not incur the cost of sidewalk repair and replacement adjacent to private property. This decision allows the Town to commit more of our limited funds to road building, expansion and maintenance.

3. Is the Town making money off of this program?

No. The Town is requesting only the cost of the sidewalk repair. We do not make any profit from this program.

4. Why is it cheaper to participate with the Town rather than hiring my own contractor?

The Town purchases concrete in large volumes through a competitive bidding process. As a result, the cost is likely to be significantly less than hiring a concrete contractor independently for a relatively small, one-time job.

5. What happens if I don't repair my sidewalk?

Code enforcement officers will issue notices to those who have not participated in the program or have not completed their sidewalk repair independently. The Town will then hire contractors on a case-by-case basis to repair the sidewalks. Once the repair has been completed, the homeowner has 30 days to pay the bill or a lien for the cost of the repair, plus administrative cost, is attached to the property. This will result in higher costs to the homeowner, as the concrete work is hired independently of the program and administrative costs are added to the total.

6. Who do I contact for more information?

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