

Sidewalk Repair Methods: There are several methods that can be implemented to repair or replace a damaged section of sidewalk. Most require the assistance from experienced contractors familiar with the various repair methods. You should discuss your options in detail with an experienced contractor.



Surface Planing: Tripping hazards of one inch or less in height can be addressed by use of a concrete surface planer. This equipment can be used to grind down a protruding edge or lip of a concrete slab that is higher than an adjacent slab, thereby eliminating the tripping hazard. This method is not recommended for tripping hazards greater than one inch which would require a significant removal of the overall concrete slab thickness and lead to a reduction in strength. Thinner sections of sidewalk are more prone to other problems such as cracking.



Replacement: This is the most common form of repair and is necessary to replace cracked, deteriorated or uneven areas of sidewalk. Sections are removed, reformed, poured, and finished by experienced contractors. New walk requires several



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Contractors have developed a method to raise sections of concrete walk that have settled over 1/2-inch, utilizing specialized grout injection equipment. Many walk sections can be repaired by this method and thus avoid more costly repairs methods.

Finding & Hiring a Contractor

The City strongly recommends property owners solicit more than one repair estimate for both cost comparison purposes and to check on a contractor's references for sidewalk work completed for other area property owners. Local social media resources such as the Nextdoor app can be a good source to ask neighbors about their respective experience with local contractors.

Questions regarding repair materials, methods, or regarding the procedures to complete required sidewalk repairs can be submitted by email to pwcs@delawareohio.net or by calling 740.203.1810