



Sidewalk Maintenance Guidelines

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The City of Gahanna places a high priority on maintenance of the City's infrastructure, including maintaining a safe sidewalk network throughout the City. Sidewalks that are in good repair promote community-wide safety and enhance connectivity and walkability for all residents. Identifying when a sidewalk requires maintenance work depends on many factors. Below is a list of factors that will be considered when determining whether a sidewalk requires maintenance under applicable City Code.

Sidewalk panels that have any of the following issues will require maintenance in accordance with the City's sidewalk code (Gah. Code §903.4):

- Surface Deterioration including but not limited to spalling, excessive cracking, vegetation, etc., typically causing an uneven or potentially slippery surface
- Vertical offsets: sections project above walk more than ¼ inch
 - Minor: Projections between ¼ inch and ¾ inch, unless caused by tree roots
 - Major: Projections greater than ¾ inch
- Horizontal offsets: gaps between joints or cracks more than ½ inch
- Vegetation
 - Minor: Vegetation has overgrown the sidewalk, limiting the full dimension or causing an uneven surface
 - Major: Vegetation has caused significant deterioration of the panel (see Surface Deterioration)
- Obstructions (such as utilities)
 - This is typically not the responsibility of the property owner
- Other conditions which, in the opinion of the Director or their designee, are causing an unsafe walking surface. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, deteriorating patches, wedges, negative cross slope, loose or partial infill, ponding, or vegetation growing in cracks.