

March 15, 2019

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Your sidewalk has been inspected and marked with a green dot for replacement by the Homeowner (red dots indicate Township responsibility). Based upon our estimate you are responsible for the replacement at the estimated cost below.

	Total Estimated Sq. Ft	*Total Estimated Cost
Install 4-inch sidewalk	\$6.10	
Install 6-inch sidewalk	\$7.01	

* The estimate provided is the anticipated cost that will be invoiced to the property owner based on the Township contractor's unit price plus an administrative fee. *The final cost may be higher or lower depending on the final quantities removed. Sometimes field conditions require more removal than estimated.*

Under the Sidewalk Ordinance and Public Acts of 1989, the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will be conducting a Public Hearing regarding the necessity of the sidewalk repairs. The Public Hearing will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

NOTE:

1. If you have any questions about the markings and estimated costs please contact:

Canton Township Municipal Services – Engineering Division: (734)394-5158

Note: Construction work in your area will be starting May 28, 2019 Evaluation of markings must be done prior to construction work in your area.

2. We observed upon our inspection of the sidewalk in your area that low tree branches, overgrown shrubs and other landscape have encroached upon the public sidewalk. Township Ordinance located in Part II, Chapter 78, Article I Section 78-2, C8 requires that all trees and shrubs be kept trimmed so as not to encroach upon any public sidewalk. Clearance along the sidewalk as well as above must be maintained. The minimum clearance along the sidewalk measured from the top of walk to the lowest tree branch is (7) seven feet.

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Install 4-inch sidewalk	\$7.48	
Install 6-inch sidewalk	\$8.76	
Install 8-inch sidewalk	\$9.86	

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NOTE:

1. If you would like to schedule an appointment to review the painted sidewalk markings or have any questions about the markings and estimated costs please contact:

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Note: Re-evaluation must be done no later than May 1, 2019 prior to the start of sidewalk construction work in your area.

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You are required to do one of the following within 60 days of this notification:

1. Hire a contractor to replace the sidewalk marked with green dots. The contractor is required to obtain a permit and inspection from Canton Township Building Department and a Wayne County Permit for work within the ROW. The permit(s) must be pulled and the work done prior to Memorial Day.
2. If you have not hired a contractor or pulled the necessary permit(s) to replace the sidewalk, Canton will replace the slabs and the cost will be billed to you. There is no need to notify Canton or obtain a permit if you choose this option.

Please note the following:

1. On occasion sidewalk that is replaced within the driveway approach area may have a lip or trip when repairing the public sidewalk due to grade, to meet the ordinance. The lip or trip may require additional concrete flat work at the homeowner's expense. This additional work will require the Homeowner's contractor to pull a separate permit from the Canton Building Department and possibly a Wayne County Permit for work in the right of way.
2. Homeowner's are responsible for landscape materials and sprinkler systems located within the right-of-way and on their property near areas of sidewalk repair.
3. Property owners must notify Canton Township within one week of the newly repaired sidewalk if they have sprinkler damage. We recommend property owner's test sprinkler systems located near sidewalk that has been repaired. Otherwise, damage resulting from sidewalk repairs will be the property owner's responsibility.
4. Residents are responsible for invisible fences that are located in the front yard within the right-of-way. The cost of any damages incurred during the sidewalk repair program will be the responsibility of the resident. Although placing staked signs of an invisible fence is helpful to our contractor, precautions must be taken by the resident where sidewalks are marked for repair as these types of fences cannot be seen.
5. Residents will be held accountable for sidewalk graffiti. No writing, hand or footprints are permitted on public sidewalks. Should replacement be needed, the resident will be invoiced for the additional repair.
6. Adjoining concrete driveway slabs with existing signs of failure that crumble and are adjacent to sidewalk slabs marked for repair, will be saw cut to full depth and repaired at the owner's expense.
7. Re-evaluation of the property line for sidewalk flags marked for replacement will be made prior to construction repair, 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.
8. The Contractor will start the sidewalk repair 60-days after the public hearing. Our contractor will repair the sidewalk and other defective concrete that has been marked and you will be billed for this work by the Township, not the contractor.
9. It is possible that when removing a defective flag, adjacent, unmarked flags with pre-existing spider cracks may crumble from the release in pressure that is currently holding the spider-cracked flag together. These additional slabs will be billed accordingly. If this occurs you may incur additional costs.

For replacement done by the Township the repairs are expected to be completed by the end of August. The invoices will be mailed in the fall by our Treasurer Department and are due within 45 days of receipt. Property Owners are required to disclose this information at the time of sale if they are selling their home during this process.

Side Work:

The contractor for the Sidewalk Replacement Program will be Rotondo Construction, Inc., you may reach them at (248)474-0707 if you are interested in having additional work performed. This additional 'side work' by Rotondo Construction, Inc. will be defined as follows:

- Removal & replacement of existing driveways, patios at ground grade level, service walks; and limited extensions (two feet) to either side of the existing concrete driveway.
- Additional sidewalk flags or drive approaches not marked by the Township and requested by the Owner/Resident is considered 'side work'.

Side work as defined above must be coordinated with Canton Township Engineering Services.

- If you choose to complete that side work with Rotondo Construction, Inc. during the sidewalk repair program there will be no requirement for a separate Canton Township Building Permit or Wayne County Right-of-Way Permit.
- Although Canton Township Engineering Services will inspect side work, completed in this fashion, we will not be involved in negotiation of prices, costs, warranties, guarantees, scheduling or other terms and conditions for this side work.
- In addition, Canton Township will not be involved in any financial transaction or payment(s) between the parties (i.e. property owner & Rotondo Construction, Inc.).
- Steps, porches, elevated patios or additional concrete that does not currently exist on site; that is not associated with the sidewalk program will require a separate Building Permit.
- Also, work not done by Rotondo Construction, Inc. and coordinated with Engineering Services will require separate permitting by Canton Township Building Department and/or including Wayne County DPS Permit Office for work in the right-of-way.

Other Important Phone Numbers:

Wayne County DPS Permit Office: (734) 595-6504
Canton Township Building Department: (734) 394-5200
Canton Township Engineering Department: (734) 394-5150

The sidewalk ordinance may be viewed on our web site at www.canton-mi.org. The sidewalk section is in Chapter 62, Article 2, and Section 62-31/38 inclusive.

Respectfully,

Canton Township Engineering Services

Erika A. Hidalgo
Staff Engineer II