Sidewalk Maintenance Tips

- Keep sidewalks and driveways neatly edged and trimmed.
- Prevent vegetation from growing in cracks.
- Clear dirt and debris from cracks and seal them to prevent further concrete deterioration.
- Avoid planting trees and shrubs close to sidewalks and driveways.
- Protect sidewalks and driveways from heavy equipment during home improvement projects.
- Keep sidewalks clear of obstructions including low hanging branches, shrubs or other landscaping improvements.

Sidewalk maintenance, by City ordinance, is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Richardson's Sidewalk Repair Program assists residential property owners with that maintenance as funding permits.

City funded residential sidewalk repairs are made on a regional basis to promote cost effective construction practices, simplify project inspection and management and to minimize questions and uncertainty regarding project scope within a neighborhood.

Unlike previous sidewalk repair projects, it is not necessary to be "on the list" to get sidewalk repair assistance. All qualifying repairs will be marked at the time of construction.

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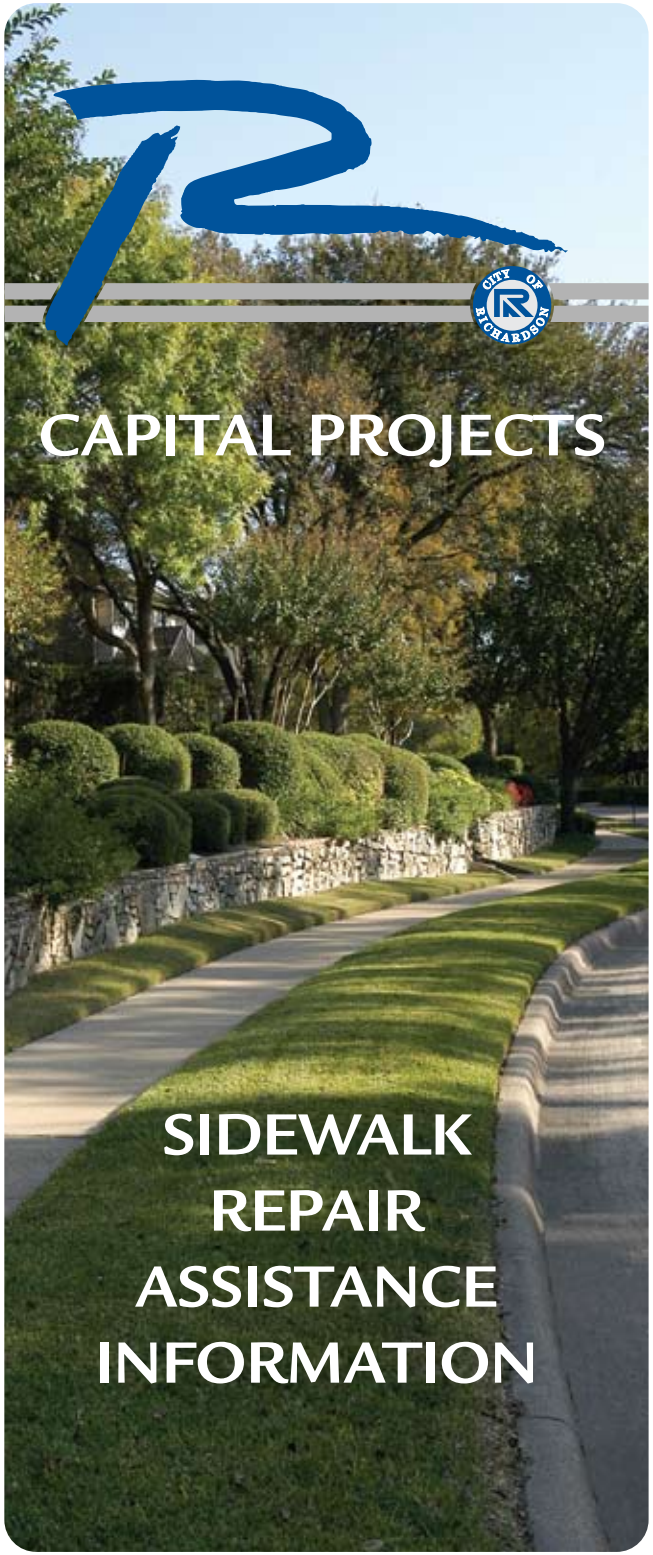


CAPITAL PROJECTS

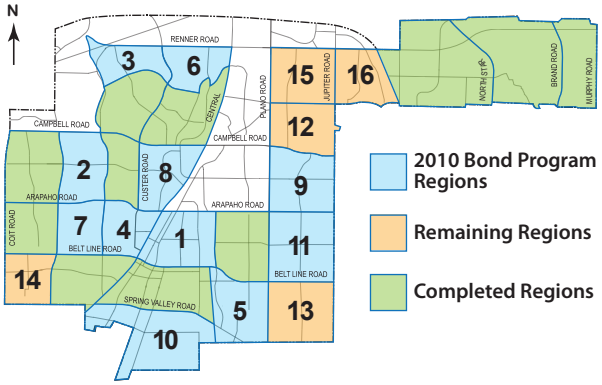
SIDEWALK REPAIR ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

The City of Richardson assists residents with sidewalk maintenance in several ways:

- ✓ Pedestrians with disabilities can request assistance along non-accessible routes in the public right-of-way. Richardson evaluates each request on a case by case basis and assists accordingly.
- ✓ Limited sidewalk repairs are often performed in conjunction with Utility and Pavement Repairs and other Capital Improvement Projects.
- ✓ Richardson's Neighborhood Vitality Program assists residential neighborhoods with sidewalk maintenance on a regional basis as funding permits.
- ✓ The City provides contact information for contractors familiar with Richardson's construction specifications and permitting processes. Contractors wishing to be added to the reference list can contact Capital Projects at 972-744-4280.
- ✓ The City waives the Miscellaneous Concrete Repair Permit fee when sidewalk repairs are performed at the property owner's expense.

Sidewalk Repair Regions

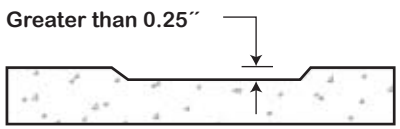
A city wide residential sidewalk repair needs inventory was performed in 2003 following the completion of the 1997 Bond Program sidewalk repairs. The City was divided into 27 sidewalk repair regions and each region was then ranked according to the identified sidewalk repair needs. The 2006 Bond Program funded repairs for the eleven regions shown in green on the map which were all completed by the fall of 2009. The 2010 G.O. Bond Program authorized funding for the next eleven regions and that work is underway. It takes approximately four to six months to complete repairs within each region and all eleven funded regions should be complete by the summer of 2012. Once work begins in a region, all qualifying repairs are made regardless of whether or not a homeowner notifies the City of sidewalk defects or the defects are identified in the needs inventory. Homeowners will be notified approximately 5 to 10 days in advance of sidewalk repairs being performed at their location.



Neighborhood Vitality Sidewalk Repair Program

Qualifying Sidewalk Repairs

Not all sidewalk defects qualify for repair. Vertical Separations (Trip Hazards) exceeding one inch or Surface Spalling exceeding 40% of a panels surface are the minimum criteria required to qualify for repair when funding is available.



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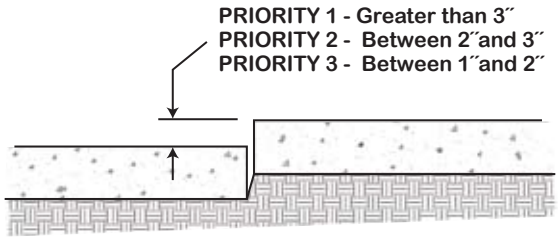

Vertical Separation Between Panels

Other Sidewalk Repair Considerations

A source of funding for the remaining, unfunded sidewalk repair regions has not yet been identified. When funding is available for some, or all, of the remaining regions it will likely take multiple years to complete authorized repairs. Some residents may need to consider addressing more immediate safety concerns sooner.

Residents can obtain a list of sidewalk repair contractors via fax or e-mail if they don't know whom to call and Richardson waives the Miscellaneous Concrete Repair Permit Fee for sidewalk repairs. Some repairs could be as simple as a temporary cement patching material, or grinding process, that helps transition vertical separations.

Richardson does not offer a matching fund participation program in order to direct all available sidewalk repair funding to the worst rated regions first.