

Safe Sidewalk Program

Frequently Asked Questions

The Safe Sidewalk Program is a voluntary program in which property owners and American Fork City share the cost (50/50) of replacing deteriorated or hazardous sidewalk.

The scope of the Safe Sidewalk Program may include the main walk and/or curb and gutter.

The approximate cost to a homeowner of an average mid-block property will range from \$600 to \$1,200. Those prices are significantly below what a private contractor would charge. The City can offer this attractive price because of the volume of work performed by the City.

How does the process work?

- 1.** Property owners can request participation in the Safe Sidewalk Program by email or by calling 801-763-3060.
 - Make sure to specifically note that you want to participate in the Safe Sidewalk Program.
 - Specify if the request is for a corner property.
 - Specify if you have a driveway that crosses the sidewalk.
 - If you are interested in removal and replacement of the driveway apron (the portion of driveway between the sidewalk and curb), this should be mentioned at the time of request.
 - You must give your complete name, a contact phone number, and complete address.
- 2.** American Fork City will survey the area to determine the scope and cost of reconstruction. In rare cases, American Fork City may determine that some locations meet City standards and do not require reconstruction.
- 3.** Sidewalk damaged or lifted by tree roots may be eligible for replacement. The City Arborist will determine whether a tree and its root system should be removed prior to replacement. Costs associated with the removal of a tree from the park strip in conjunction with a repair are split 50/50 with the property owner. Removal of trees from private property are the sole responsibility of the property owner.
- 4.** Replacement of sidewalk is based on engineering considerations. In order to minimize the cost to property owners and increase the number of Safe Sidewalk Program participants, only the portion of sidewalk in need of replacement as determined by City personnel is eligible for funding. The property owner does have the option to replace the entire sidewalk in front of the property. The cost to remove and replace the portion of sidewalk determined by City personnel to be in good condition must be entirely paid by the property owner.
- 5.** If American Fork City determines that the property is eligible for the Safe Sidewalk Program, a cost estimate will be given to the property owner. If the property owner is interested in pursuing repairs they should sign and date the estimate and return it to the Public Works office. Scheduling of replacement work will only be done upon receipt of this signed document and work will begin as soon as possible. The construction season runs approximately from April to November. Once capacity is reached, requests for participation in the program will no longer be accepted and homeowners will need to apply for the program in the following year.

To ensure fairness, requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Who is eligible to participate?

All homeowners are eligible to participate.

What does the scope of work include?

The scope of the repair work will be determined by City personnel. Replacement of sidewalk found to be in good condition is not eligible for replacement at the Safe Sidewalk Program price. The property owner does have the option to replace the entire sidewalk in front of the property however the cost to remove and replace the portion of sidewalk determined by City personnel to be in good condition must be entirely paid by the property owner.

Will the driveway apron be replaced?

If your driveway crosses the sidewalk, the Safe Sidewalk Program scope of work may include the sidewalk through the driveway. Due to significant Safe Sidewalk Program participant interest, the removal and replacement of the driveway aprons (the portion of driveway between the sidewalk and curb) can be added to the project however the entire cost to remove and replace the driveway apron will be charged to the homeowner.

Will the area receive grass seed?

No. Crews will not seed the area around the repair if the soil is disrupted during construction.

Will pavers or other structures in the park strip be reset when work is completed?

Brick pavers, fencing, and planters or any other obstructions in the park strip may be removed during construction and will be loosely reset when construction is completed. Reinstallation of removed elements is the homeowner's responsibility.

Is there any warranty for the work?

Yes. Sidewalk construction has a warranty of one year from the date of construction, covering significant deterioration of the sidewalk. (Note: Some small cracks, especially in sidewalk joints, are common. Since they are not caused by construction they are not covered by the warranty).

If you have any additional questions, please contact City personnel at 801-763-3060 or email us at afpwu@afcity.net