



## Sidewalk Information Sheet

The City of Bay Village Sidewalk Correction Program has been in existence since 1972. Under the program, the city inspects all public sidewalks to ensure they are safe and in good repair. The program follows a systematic route to best manage repairs and provide coverage of the entire city in a timely fashion.

Repair criteria:

1. Uneven by  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch or more
2. Pushed up due to tree roots  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch or more
3. Slumped due to settling 5 inch or more over 10'
4. Broken in four (4) pieces or more, shattered, or severely spalled
5. Horizontal gap 1" or more

Residents who intend to repair or hire their own contractor to make repairs must meet the following criteria:

### Replacement

1. All replacement work shall conform to city standards under provisions of Chapter 903 and 1343 of the Codified Ordinance.
2. Contractors must be licensed and registered through the city Building Department.
3. A sidewalk building permit must be obtained.
4. The city must inspect forms and sub-base prior to placing concrete, and then re-inspect all finished work.

### Leveling

1. Sidewalk blocks may be leveled as long as they are in one whole piece.
2. Blocks broken during leveling must be replaced.
3. All leveling contractors must be registered and licensed through the city Building Department.
4. A building permit is not required for leveling; however, all sidewalks leveled will require inspection by the city once completed.

### Grinding

1. Sidewalks may be ground utilizing a concrete grinder provided that no edges are beveled or ramped. The contractor shall grind back a minimum of 18 inches (18") and a maximum necessary so that the transition from one block to the other is level and flat.
2. No more than 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches of concrete is to be ground off from any sidewalk.
3. All sidewalks shall be ground smooth, no cutting or chipping permitted.
4. A building permit is not required for grinding; however, all sidewalks ground will require inspection by the City once completed.

Replacement, leveling, and grinding, as described above, are the only acceptable methods of sidewalk repair. Patching and ramping with any type of material is not acceptable. Residents are encouraged to caulk and seal sidewalk joints for sidewalks that have been leveled, ground, or replaced.

For property owners who do not wish to complete the repairs themselves or with their own contractor, the City will perform the work and will invoice the property owner based on the contract cost per square foot.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Service Department at (440) 899-3419.