



Tips on Keeping Sidewalks Clean and Safe

Property owners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and driveway aprons next to their property. Keeping sidewalks clean and free of tripping hazards reduces liabilities for property owners, who can be held liable if someone is injured on the sidewalk in front of their property. There are a number of inexpensive and easy things residents can do to keep sidewalks safe and clean:

- Address problems as soon as possible to minimize area and amount of repair required.
- Do not park cars or other heavy equipment on your sidewalk.
- If you observe hazardous sidewalks, report them by calling 541-682-4800 or submit an online [Sidewalk Inspection Request](#).
- Remove paint, tar, or other materials if they get on the sidewalk. Do not hose paint or petroleum products into the storm drainage system.
- Sweep sidewalks to keep them free of leaves, snow, ice, or debris. Be sure to properly dispose of debris. Do not sweep them into the gutter or street.
- Trim tree branches, shrubs, and other vegetation so they do not obstruct the sidewalk.
- Watch for early signs of leaking water lines, tree roots, and other damages.