

## 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 Rehabilitation Program assists residential property owners with that maintenance as funding permits.*

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

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



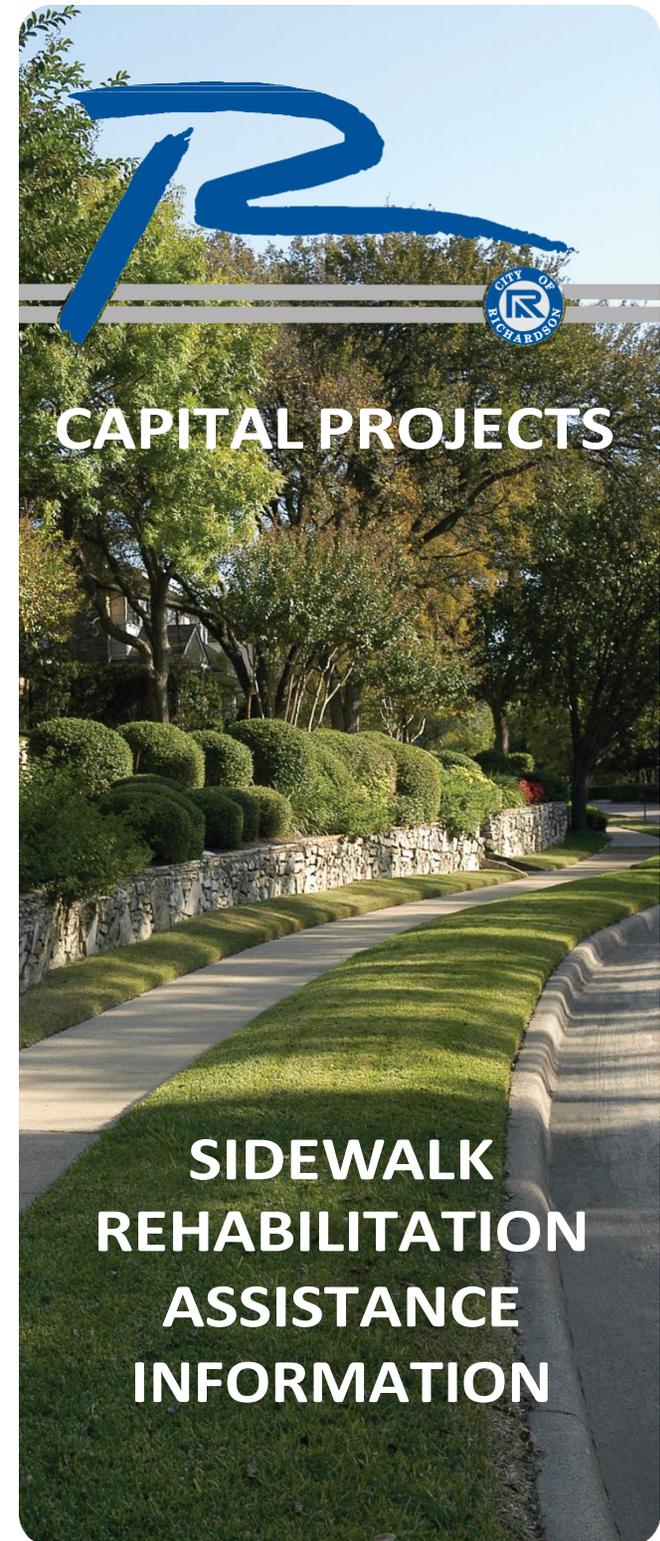
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## The City of Richardson assists residents with sidewalk maintenance in several ways:

- ▶ 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 improvements are often performed in conjunction with Pavement Rehabilitation 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 Rehabilitation Permit Fee when sidewalk improvements are performed at the property owner's expense.

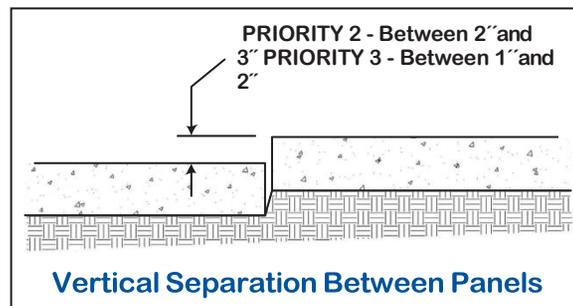
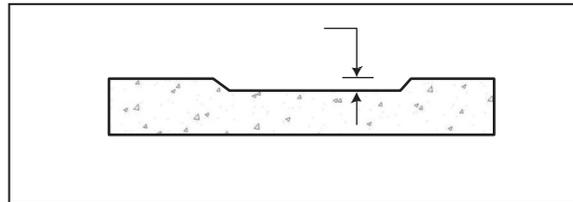
## Sidewalk Rehabilitation Regions



A citywide residential sidewalk rehabilitation needs inventory was performed in 2003. The city was divided into 27 sidewalk rehabilitation regions, and each region was then ranked according to the identified sidewalk rehabilitation needs. The 2006 Bond Program funded rehabilitation for the 11 regions shown in green on the map, which were all completed by the fall of 2009. The 2010 Bond Program authorized funding for the next 11 regions that were completed in 2015, the remaining five regions will be funded from the 2015 Bond Program. Once work begins in a region, all qualifying rehabilitation is made. It is not necessary for the homeowner to notify the city of defects. Homeowners will be notified approximately five to 10 days in advance of sidewalk improvements being performed at their location.

## Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program Criteria

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



## Other Sidewalk Rehabilitation Considerations

The 2015 Bond Program funding for sidewalk rehabilitation will complete the first cycle through all 27 Sidewalk Rehabilitation Regions. Qualifying defects that have since occurred in previously completed regions at this time lack funding for City assistance.

As these last remaining regions are completed, staff will reassess sidewalk rehabilitation needs citywide and update the current program to best address identified needs. Some residents may need to consider addressing more immediate safety concerns sooner.

Residents can obtain a list of sidewalk rehabilitation contractors via fax or e-mail if they don't know whom to call, and Richardson waives the Miscellaneous Concrete Rehabilitation Permit Fee for sidewalk improvements. Some improvements 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 rehabilitation funding to the worst rated regions first.