

Q&A for 2016 Sidewalk Grinding Repairs

Sidewalk issues are the #1 recurring pedestrian complaint from Friendly Area Neighborhood (FAN) residents. The FAN Board is sponsoring a 2016 project to encourage property owners to repair tripping hazards on their sidewalks.

- Get a **big discount** on cement grinding through our group plan
- Improve neighborhood walkability
- Avoid pedestrian injuries and expensive liability for homeowners and landlords

1. Which properties/sidewalks are eligible for this 2016 repair project?

Any sidewalk inside the Friendly Area Neighbors (FAN) boundaries (within Chambers, 18th, Amazon Creek, and 29th/28th) and within the public right-of-way is eligible.

2. What types of repairs are covered?

We can grind down sidewalks with tripping hazards (raised lips) between 1/2" and 1-1/2" in height. Sidewalk repairs requiring removing tree roots and/or pouring new concrete are not covered by this project. We cannot install new sidewalks.

3. What will a repair cost?

By scheduling "bulk grind downs," FAN can get a reasonable price for each property owner. Typical, discounted repairs will run from \$50-\$125, depending on the height of the tripping hazard. You would pay at least \$150+ to arrange a repair on your own. Our prices:

1/2"-3/4" \$10 per linear foot; 3/4"- 1" \$15 per LF; 1"-1 1/4" \$20 LF; 1 1/4"- 1 1/2" \$25 LF .

4. How do I get an estimate, and when will the work take place?

These three steps must happen with each property owner who participates:

- a. We make an appointment to inspect your damaged sidewalk and give you a price.*
- b. We collect payment up front.*
- c. We set a date with the concrete company to do the work before Sept 15.*

5. Why doesn't the city repair our sidewalks?

Contrary to popular belief, the maintenance and repair of any sidewalk on your property that is in the public right-of-way is your responsibility--not the city's. This also applies to damage caused by street tree roots. Call Eugene Public Works at 541.682.4800 for details.

6. My sidewalk is fine, but I often walk by other sidewalks in bad shape--such as 18th Place. Are there plans to address the worst stretches of sidewalks in the neighborhood?

We are hoping that the word spreads and that we have safer sidewalks throughout FAN. So, talk to your neighbors and have them sign up too!

We can also accept tax deductible donations earmarked for repairing a sidewalk other than the one in front of your own house. Ask us for details.

7 I have one one piece of sidewalk needing grinding, and I also have quite a bit of work needed in my driveway. Can the repair crew fix everything while they're here?

FAN will arrange for sidewalk grinding in the city right of way. However, we can tell the grinding company that you are interested in other work, but it will need to be separate from this project.

For a repair estimate and to sign up, please send us an email with your name, address, and phone number. We will arrange a time to look at your sidewalk.

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