

## SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE

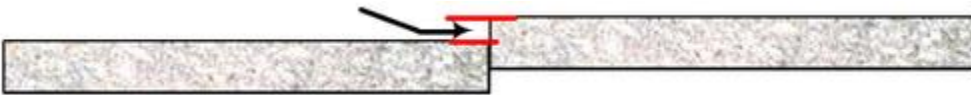
Driveways and sidewalks are often overlooked until something goes wrong. We expect these surfaces to be smooth, safe, and require little maintenance. However, weather, roots, and debris can cause problems on these important pathways. Common issues include uplift, deterioration, and cracks. It is important to keep sidewalks and driveways in good condition for the community.

In Washington County, homeowners are responsible for maintaining sidewalks next to their property, which includes repairs and cleaning debris. You can take proactive steps to keep your sidewalk and driveway well-maintained. Clear away debris such as leaves and dirt to improve its lifespan. It is also recommended to pressure wash sidewalks annually to remove dirt from small cracks and prevent them from enlarging.

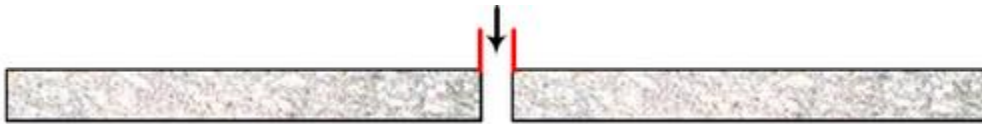
If there are cracks, holes, or separations between panels that are long enough to catch a pedestrian's shoe and are greater than 1/2" deep, they are considered trip hazards.

Sidewalks should be repaired for the following:

1. **Trip hazard:** when there is a vertical step separation equal to or greater than 1/2".



2. **Openings or cracks:** when openings or holes in the sidewalk equal or exceed 1/2".



3. **Spalling Sidewalks:** when the sidewalk surface is chipped or deteriorated to a depth equal or greater than 1/2".



Cleaning your sidewalk and driveway on a regular basis helps to preserve their condition. Proper maintenance of your property will help keep the Arranmore neighborhood looking its best and ensure safety for everyone.