

## **Sidewalk Replacement Program**

The Village of Tiskilwa encourages residents to participate in the Sidewalk Replacement Program. The Village repairs and replaces sidewalks on a cost-sharing basis. For residential sidewalks, the Village pays 50 percent and the resident pays 50 percent. The 50/50 Program provides property owners with an opportunity to replace defective public sidewalks in front of their property for half of the total cost. Sidewalks that qualify typically are rated in poor to fair condition. Sidewalks in good condition typically will not qualify for the program. This program is administered on a first come, first served basis until funds are depleted. Funds are received on an annual basis (May 1 – April 30). Only one reimbursement per family, per year will be allowed.

Streets are maintained by the Village, but the repair and replacement of damaged sidewalk slabs are the responsibility of the homeowner or business whose property is adjacent to the sidewalk. To help with that responsibility, the Village of Tiskilwa offers property owners the opportunity to improve the appearance and safety of their homes and neighborhoods with the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

### **How does the program work?**

Under the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program the Village pays half the cost of replacing the eligible sidewalk with the property owner paying the other 50 percent. The program covers all public sidewalks in the Village in front of homes. The property owner is in charge of scheduling and finding the company to do the work. This is on a reimbursement basis. Once the work is completed the property owner will provide the bill to the Village, at that time the Village will reimburse half of the cost to the property owner.

### **Who is eligible for the program?**

Any residential, private property in the Village of Tiskilwa is eligible for the program.

### **What does it cost?**

Sidewalks vary in width and length and prices change annually. The best estimate is done on site.

### **What sidewalk is covered?**

Main sidewalks that are deteriorated are eligible for the 50/50 cost sharing. Private lead walks extending from the street curb to the main sidewalk and private service walks extending from the main walk to the home are the sole responsibility of the owner. The Village assumes the total cost for replacement of the “key” areas of an intersection where the sidewalk extends to the street corner.

**Will the Village repair driveway approaches or aprons?**

No. While driveway approaches or aprons are in the public right-of-way, they are the sole responsibility of the property owner.

**Will the Village replace curbs?**

No. Curb replacement is not eligible under the 50/50 Sidewalk Program.

**Can I do the repairs myself?**

The Village discourages residents from doing the work themselves because the work must be compliant with state and local codes. Any work that is not completed by a qualified contractor will nullify the application and the Village will not be responsible for any reimbursement.

**What is the procedure for participation?**

1. The applicant completes and submits the request form.
2. The Village accepts or declines the request and notifies the applicant.
3. If the Village accepts the request, the applicant then can contact a contractor to begin the work.
4. Once the work is completed the applicant gives the bill to the Village.
5. The Village reimburses the applicant for 50 percent of the bill.

A Village inspector will evaluate your sidewalk to see if it qualifies. One of the following conditions must exist:

- Walks must be sunken or risen to a height difference of one inch or more between sections.
- Broken and separated into three or more pieces.
- 40 percent or more of the surface deteriorated.

**Village of Tiskilwa**  
**Application for Sidewalk Replacement Program**

Please complete the following form and submit it to the Village Office:  
223 West Main street  
Tiskilwa, IL 61368

**Applicant's name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasoning for new sidewalk:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor expected to  
perform the work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

**Approved/Denied Reason:**

**Date:**

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Checklist**

- ☐ **Filled out Sidewalk Application and turned into the Village**
- ☐ **Received accepted application from the Village**
- ☐ **Residents contacted qualified contractors to begin work.**
- ☐ **Sidewalk must be fully ADA compliant.**
- ☐ **Concrete must be no less than four (4) inches in thickness and four (4) feet in width.**
- ☐ **Pre-Inspection is completed by a Village member. (Made after excavation, placement of forms and base preparation is completed, and prior to placing concrete.**
- ☐ **Once the project is completed, residents receive and pay the bill from the contractor.**
- ☐ **Once the bill is paid, turn in the bill to the Village office.**
- ☐ **The Village will write a reimbursement check for 50% of approved work that was completed within 1-3 weeks.**

**Items checked at time of inspection:**

- Base shall be stable and free of mud, standing water or debris etc.
- Depth shall be minimum of 4" for sidewalks and 6" for sidewalks through entryways.
- Width of sidewalks shall be 4" unless otherwise specified and approved.
- Slope of sidewalk 1/8" per foot minimum and 1/4" per foot maximum.