



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506



NOTICE **Please Keep for Future Reference**

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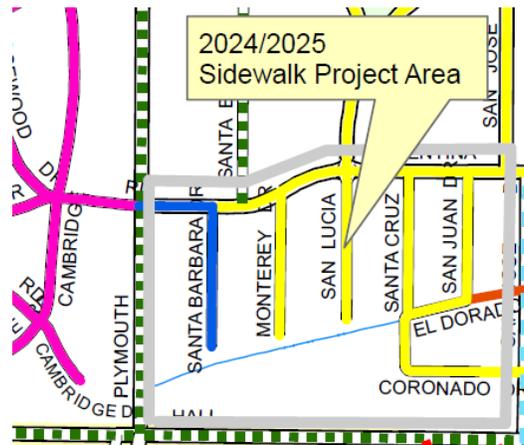
Dear East Grand Rapids Resident:

As part of the 2024 Streets and Sidewalks Millage the City of East Grand Rapids is able to maintain investment into the annual sidewalk rehabilitation and replacement program. Each year the city sidewalk program targets a specific area which moves year to year in a clockwise rotation throughout the city. This spring the targeted area includes your neighborhood. City engineering staff has been out or will be out marking sidewalk sections for replacement soon in advance of construction with pink paint/dots. Rehabilitation consists of grinding small trip hazards while replacement consists of removing sections of sidewalk followed by pouring new concrete. Construction work will take place in the targeted area from late April through June depending on weather and any unforeseen issues.

Please help the contractor avoid damaging your irrigation sprinkling system (if you have one) by marking sprinkler heads with a stake or flag if a section of sidewalk is marked in front of your residence for replacement.

If any sidewalk removal or replacement work impacts driveway access, the contractor will make contact to make access accommodations. When the sidewalk replacement is completed, right-of-way/yard restorations will be completed by the contractor within a few weeks.

Below is a map indicating the targeted area for the sidewalk program. The targeted area is subject to budget constraints, which means the progress of rehabilitation and replacement goes until the budget is reached. Your patience and understanding is appreciated while this work takes place in your neighborhood. Please save this notice for reference for the duration of the project.



DTE is replacing gas main in many areas of the city this year. The city has coordinated street and sidewalk projects with DTE to minimize duplication of removals and restorations to the greatest extent possible. It is possible that in some cases gas lines may not be where the plans show that they are supposed to be, etc. which may impact projects.

Before construction, Miss Dig is contacted for private and public utilities to mark utility locations for contractors to avoid damaging utilities. Residents will likely see paint and flags in the right-of-way in advance of work. For information on markings, please visit www.missdig811.org

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Additional information related to the sidewalk rehabilitation and replacement program

Sidewalk Replacement Criteria

Sidewalk sections must meet the required replacement criteria if grinding does not address trip hazards:

- Sidewalk section is cracked in more than three pieces
- Sidewalk section has surface spalling in more than 25%
- Sidewalk is vaulted from an adjacent section of sidewalk by ¾” or more (addressed by grinding process)
- Sidewalk section does not drain well or is sunken and can be corrected while adjacent sections are repaired/replaced
- Sidewalk section has holes, chips or broken off edges that create a gap in pavement that creates a trip hazard

Lawn Restoration Care Guide

The City of East Grand Rapids or a contractor working on behalf of the City will restore your lawn area disturbed by the construction project adjacent to your property. Restoration includes placement of screened top soil which is non-amended sandy loam soil free of roots, clods, and stones larger than 1/2” with 99% passing through a 3/8” screen and grass seed.

In order to help establish the lawn area, it is the property owners’ responsibility to maintain these areas as was done previously. It is important to follow proper watering, mowing and weed control to establish the lawn area, particularly during dry weather.

Please consider following the suggested tips below for a successful restoration result:

- **Watering**-Light watering several times a day is desirable. Avoid heavy watering techniques which can wash seed and soil away from the restoration location. Watering is recommended for approximately 3 weeks.
- **Mowing**-Depending on weather conditions, it may take approximately 3-4 weeks for grass to grow in and up to about 1.5 inches tall. This is when grass should first be mowed. Mowing before grass has been established will disperse seed and soil negatively impacting the restoration.
- **Fertilizer**-Application of fertilizer to help the restoration area should be applied about 5 weeks after the first mowing of the area.
- **Lawn use**-It is recommended that use of the lawn for yard activities not take place for approximately 8-10 weeks.
- **Weed control products**-Weed seeds are natural in the environment and may grow along with grass in the restoration area. It is recommended that the use of weed killer not be applied until after 10-12 weeks and after approximately 7-8 cuttings. Larger weeds growing in the area should be hand pulled so they do not become established and impact the growing grass.

Thank you for patience, understanding, and participation in the success of the yard restoration adjacent to your property.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the city at 616-940-4817. Please visit the city website www.eastgrmi.gov and visit the “construction updates” page for updates and other information pertaining to construction projects in activities in the city. To stay connected on topics of interest with the city, please visit www.eastgrmi.gov and click the “stay informed” icon to sign up for alerts and notifications. QR codes are also available below.

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Respectfully,

City of East Grand Rapids Department Public Works