Sidewalk Owners Manual

Walking is an enjoyable and healthy activity for people of all abilities and ages. It's also a great way to get around Sandpoint!

Sidewalks help create community by making it safe to travel by foot and by keeping pedestrians out of traffic. When people walk it reduces traffic and promotes health.

To be usable, sidewalks need to be level and clear of landscaping, snow or ice, toys or vehicles.

Installing sidewalk, and some repairs, require a City permit. Call 263-3407 for details.

This brochure is to help you join others in keeping Sandpoint a Walking Town.

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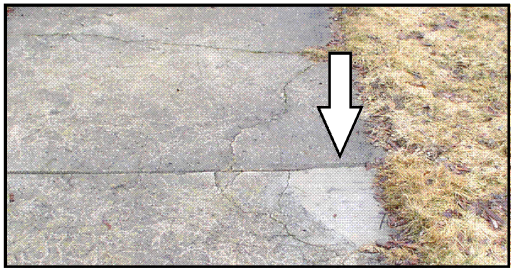
Sandpoint Is A Walking Town

The owner of property adjoining a sidewalk is responsible for maintaining that sidewalk in the City of Sandpoint Sidewalks should provide a safe, convenient way for pedestrians of all ages and abilities to safely walk throughout the city. Sidewalks need to be maintained for everyone's use. This includes:

Heaves, Cracks and Holes should be less than ½ inch high, wide or deep.

Tip – *A small upheaval can be ground down to level it out. "Five sack" concrete mix can be used to repair small holes.*



Sidewalk repaired with concrete increases walking safety.

Grass and Vegetation should not intrude from the side.

Tip - *Keeping grass cut back will help the sidewalk last longer, as roots eventually break up concrete.*

Tip - *Weeds growing in the sidewalk can be weakened by cutting with a string trimmer or spraying with full strength vinegar, a useful, safe herbicide.*

Tip - *Vines or climbing shrubs on fencing should not grow over sidewalks.*

Overhead Branches or other overhead structures need to be trimmed at least 7 feet high.

Tip - *Tree branches will sag when wet or heavy with snow – keep them trimmed higher to allow room for sag.*

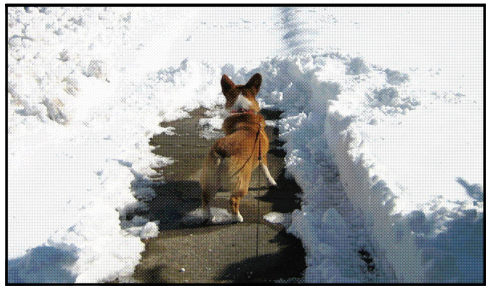
Tip - *The City has a list of tree species suitable for planting strips near sidewalks.*

Sidewalk clear for walking.

Fences need to be built at least one foot from sidewalks and no more than 4' high near sidewalks. This allows sidewalk repair without replacing the fence and gives shoulder room for pedestrians walking side-by-side.

Tip - *Contact Sandpoint's Public Works Dept. for height specifications before building a fence.*

Snow and Ice need to be removed from sidewalks so they are usable and safe in the winter.



Sidewalk ahead not cleared for walking.

Tip – *If you are a business owner, be sure parking lot snow is not piled on sidewalks.*

Temporary Obstructions should not block sidewalks. These include: vehicles, toys, garbage containers, seating and retail displays (unless authorized by a City encroachment permit), fallen leaves, fruit and nuts (including horse chestnuts).

Tip - *Maintain at least a clear, 4-foot wide straight path.*

Ordinances governing Sandpoint sidewalks are available at:

www.cityofsandpoint.com

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