



CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

750 LAKESIDE DRIVE SE-EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49506

NOTICE **Please Keep for Future Reference**

March 14, 2022

Dear East Grand Rapids Resident:

As part of the 2015 Streets and Sidewalks Millage the City of East Grand Rapids has increased investment of an additional \$150,000 per year into the annual sidewalk rehabilitation and replacement program. Each year the city sidewalk program targets a specific area for the program which moves year to year in a clockwise rotation throughout the city. This spring the targeted area includes your neighborhood. City engineering staff will be out marking sidewalk sections for replacement in the near future in advance of construction. Rehabilitation consists of grinding small trip hazards while replacement consists of removal of sections of sidewalk followed by pouring new concrete. Construction work will take place in the targeted area from the beginning of 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.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City at 616-940-4817. Please see reverse side of this notice for replacement criteria and lawn restoration care guide.

Thank you,

City of East Grand Rapids Department Public Works

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 3/4" 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 recently restored a lawn area disturbed by a service operation or 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 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.