

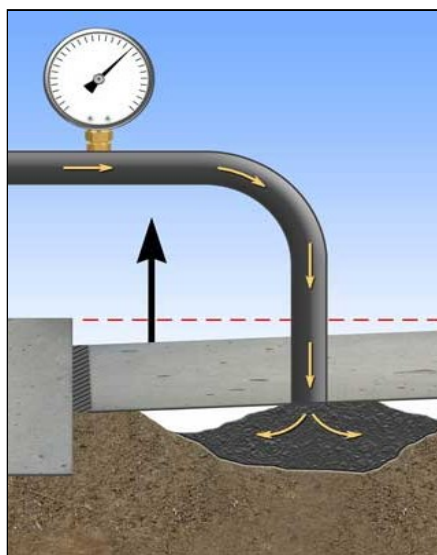
**Sidewalk Repair Methods:** There are several methods that can be implemented to repair or replace a damaged section of sidewalk. Most require the assistance from experienced contractors familiar with the various repair methods. You should discuss your options in detail with an experienced contractor.



**Surface Planing:** Tripping hazards of one inch or less in height can be addressed by use of a concrete surface planer. This equipment can be used to grind down a protruding edge or lip of a concrete slab that is higher than an adjacent slab, thereby eliminating the tripping hazard. This method is not recommended for tripping hazards greater than one inch which would require a significant removal of the overall concrete slab thickness and lead to a reduction in strength. Thinner sections of sidewalk are more prone to other problems such as cracking.



**Replacement:** This is the most common form of repair and is necessary to replace cracked, deteriorated or uneven areas of sidewalk. Sections are removed, reformed, poured, and finished by experienced contractors.



**SLAB JACKING:** Contractors have developed a method to raise sections of concrete walk that have settled over ½-inch, utilizing specialized grout injection equipment. Many walk sections can be repaired by this method and thus avoid more costly repairs methods.

### Finding & Hiring a Contractor

The City strongly recommends property owners solicit more than one repair estimate for both cost comparison purposes and to check on a contractor's references for sidewalk work completed for other area property owners. Local social media resources such as the Nextdoor app can be a good source to ask neighbors about their respective experience with local contractors.

**Questions** regarding repair materials, methods, or regarding the procedures to complete required sidewalk repairs can be submitted by email to [pwcs@delawareohio.net](mailto:pwcs@delawareohio.net) or by calling 740.203.1810