

# Trees and Sidewalks Repair

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Through the Trees and Sidewalks Repair Program, the City performs free repairs for qualifying broken sidewalks severely damaged by curbside tree roots in front of one, two, and three family homes only. An official inspection of the broken sidewalk will determine if it qualifies for free repair.

The City no longer permits root slicing or root pruning of City trees.

Learn more about the Trees and Sidewalks Repair Program.

(<https://www.nycgovparks.org/services/forestry/trees-sidewalks-program>)

## **1, 2 and 3 Family Residential Properties**



If the sidewalk in front of a residential property is damaged due to tree roots, the site may qualify for free repair through the Trees and Sidewalks Repair Program. An official inspection will determine if a sidewalk damaged by City-owned trees qualifies for a free repair.

Only sidewalks adjacent to 1-, 2-, and 3- family residential properties are eligible.

Requested sites will be inspected and ranked by a number of criteria, including the severity of sidewalk damage, the observed pedestrian usage, and the health and number of tree(s) on site. After the inspection is completed, the Service Request will be updated with the results. High ranking sites will be prioritized for repair.

Repairs generally involve:

- Removing damaged concrete
- Expanding the tree's growing space
- Installing concrete in the surrounding sections of sidewalk using techniques to promote tree preservation and sidewalk longevity

You do not have to be the property owner to submit an inspection request to the Trees and Sidewalks program. However, if you are submitting for your own property, please note this in the comments of your request.

**[Submit a Trees and Sidewalks Program request](#)** ▶

### **Ranking and Inspection**

DPR evaluates and ranks sites based on:

- Level of activity on the street
- Amount of sidewalk damage
- Tree's overall health

The Trees and Sidewalks Repair Program will repair sites with a high rank first.

**Commercial, Co-Op, Condo, Large Residential Properties, or Vacant Lots**



**Independent Sidewalk Repair**



**Remove a Lien Due to City Tree Damage**

