

Private Driveway Specifications



Bituminous Driveways

Bituminous driveways will be replaced with MnDOT Bituminous Mix 2360 wear. Thickness after compaction shall be a minimum of 2 inches. Base material shall meet MnDOT Standards for Class 5 aggregate and shall be a minimum of 6 inches thick.



Concrete Driveways

Concrete driveways will be replaced in accordance with MnDOT Specification 2531 at a minimum thickness of 6 inches. Base material shall be MnDOT Class 5 aggregate and shall be a minimum of 6 inches thick.



All questions regarding the Driveway Replacement Program can be directed to the City of White Bear Lake Engineering Department at **651-429-8531**.



DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

White Bear Lake residents who live on streets scheduled for reconstruction may take advantage of a unique opportunity to replace their driveways during the street construction process.

If your driveway connects with one of the reconstructed streets, you can have it replaced (in bituminous or concrete) as part of the project.

During street reconstruction, a portion of every driveway will be removed and replaced to properly conform to the new construction (shown here). The removal limits (typically 5-15 feet) are based on the grade of your existing driveway, surrounding yard and other factors that vary for each driveway. The City of White Bear Lake pays to replace that portion of your driveway (also referred to as the “City’s portion”).



Property owners will have the opportunity to have their entire driveway replaced during the construction process by the General Contractor responsible for the entire project. **The City will notify all property owners of the driveway reconstruction program schedule with specific deadlines.** All property owners desiring to replace their driveways must notify the City by the specified deadline. Requests after the specified deadline **will not** be processed.

PRIVATE DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT DONE BY CITY CONTRACTOR

Cost estimates for the optional complete driveway replacement are based on the unit prices for driveway work outlined in the street reconstruction contract. Estimates will be based on either 6-inch thick concrete pavement or 2-inch thick bituminous pavement. Both the standard bituminous and concrete will include 6 inches of compacted aggregate base. The costs available through this program may or may not be a savings from hiring your own contractor. Therefore, if you are considering this program, you are strongly encouraged to seek private competitive bids.

At the property owner's request, the Engineering Department will measure the area of a private driveway to be replaced and provide a written quote based on the contract unit price. This quote will delineate the areas to be paid by the property owner and the areas paid for by the City. Property owners desiring to proceed with construction of a new driveway will be required to return a signed authorization form and payment for the full amount of the driveway improvement to the City's Engineering Department by the specified deadline. Driveway replacement costs cannot be put on your assessment.

A driveway construction permit will be required for driveways constructed through this program, but there will be no fee charged due to City supervision of construction of the driveway. This permit will be given to you for signature as part of the paperwork you receive.

Requests received after the specified deadline will not be processed and will be returned.

Provision for Driveways with Poor Drainage

The Engineering Department will evaluate all driveways proposed for reconstruction. If driveways are found to have poor drainage and the new driveway would have a grade of 1% or less, the Engineering Department will recommend replacing the driveway with concrete rather than bituminous to improve the drainage characteristics on these flat surfaces. If this situation pertains to you, City staff will discuss options with you on an individual basis.

Other Provisions

Property owners desiring an upgrade of materials for their driveway and/or apron (i.e. bituminous to concrete) will be given credit for the cost differential on the City portion of the driveway. For example, if the entire driveway was upgraded from bituminous to concrete, the City would credit the property owner for the cost of replacing the City portion in bituminous.

Other Provisions (con't)

Property owners desiring to widen their driveway will be billed for 100 percent of all construction beyond what existed prior to the project. There will be no charge to property owners for widening of curb openings of driveways for future expansion if work is coordinated with street curb replacement by calling our office or speaking to a City representative in the field. By City Code, residential curb openings are limited to a maximum width of 24 feet.

SOD RESTORATION

The quoted price **DOES NOT** include restoration of sod disturbed during the driveway reconstruction work. The Contractor makes every effort to minimize the disturbance to the surrounding yard, however it is likely that some restoration may be required. Restoration will vary for each driveway, but averages about 4 feet wide on each side of the driveway. Restoration costs are quoted by the square foot and consist of 4" of graded topsoil and sod placed along the edges of the driveway. Residents can choose to either add this cost to their total estimate or forego this restoration and complete the work on their own.

PRIVATE DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT DONE BY OTHER PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

If property owners desire to have another contractor replace their driveway, that contractor will need to coordinate the work schedule with the City's contractor. **A driveway replacement permit and fee of \$30.00 will be applicable.** The permit will require that the driveway cannot be removed or replaced until after the new curb has been placed and cured. In addition, the permit will need to be obtained by the same specified deadline as those driveways being reconstructed by the City contractor. No credit will be given for the portion of the driveway that would have otherwise been replaced by the City.

PAYMENT FOR PRIVATE DRIVEWAY WORK

Payment in full (check or cash only) for requested driveway improvements shall be made to the City of White Bear Lake by the specified deadline. REPLACEMENT OF DRIVEWAYS CANNOT BE PUT ON YOUR ASSESSMENTS.