

# Keep Downtown York Beautiful: Property Maintenance Responsibilities

## Overview

Downtown Inc has created this guide to help property owners understand their responsibilities in maintaining safe, clean, and vibrant spaces in Downtown York. This resource outlines key obligations, from sidewalk upkeep to building maintenance, ensuring our community remains welcoming for businesses, residents, and visitors alike.

Sidewalks and Walkways	Trash and Waste Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Cleanliness:</b> Keep sidewalks clean and free of litter, debris, leaves, and snow/ice during winter. Snow/ice removal must occur within <b>12 hours</b> of the stop of snowfall.</li><li>• <b>Safety:</b> Address hazards like cracks, uneven surfaces, and loose pavers to prevent accidents.</li><li>• <b>Prohibited Actions:</b> Blocking or damaging sidewalks is not allowed.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Proper Disposal:</b> Trash should only be placed out on designated collection days in tightly sealed &amp; approved containers to prevent spillage.</li><li>• <b>Illegal Dumping:</b> Dumping debris or waste in public areas, including storm drains, is prohibited.</li><li>• <b>Responsibility:</b> Property owners must clear all trash and debris from their sidewalks and adjoining areas.</li></ul>
Trees, Landscaping, and Vegetation	Lighting & Signage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Trimming Guidelines:</b> Maintain trees with <b>8 feet of clearance above sidewalks</b> and <b>14 feet above roadways</b>.</li><li>• <b>Weed Control:</b> Regularly remove weeds from tree wells, sidewalks, and property edges.</li><li>• <b>Dead or Hazardous Trees:</b> Property owners must remove dead or dangerous trees or branches that pose a risk to public safety.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Visibility:</b> Ensure exterior lighting fixtures are functional and well-maintained to provide visibility and safety.</li><li>• <b>Safety and Regulation:</b> All signage must be secure and meet city regulations for size, placement, and appearance.</li><li>• <b>Report</b> non-functioning streetlights to the City. Make sure to include the pole number and nearest intersection.</li></ul>

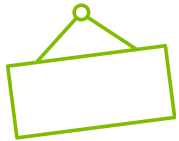
# Did you know?

As a property owner in Downtown York, you are responsible for maintaining the public areas adjacent to your property, ensuring a safe, clean, and inviting environment for all.



## Enforcement

The City will notify property owners of violations and allow time for corrections. Non-compliance may result in fines starting at \$100, penalties, and potential liens.



## HARB

Those installing signs should contact HARB to find out if they are in the HARB district and if so, to get approval before installing signage. 717-849-7005



## Report Issues

Use the York City Response Center at [yorkpa.portal.opengov.com](http://yorkpa.portal.opengov.com).

Let's keep Downtown York vibrant and inviting for everyone! For full guidelines, visit [yorkcity.org](http://yorkcity.org).

