

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Driveway Repair/Replacement Policy
September 2, 2014

This policy shall control the repair or replacement of privately owned driveways that are damaged as the result of County construction work. The policy covers all types of driveways including those constructed of brick pavers, concrete, asphalt, dirt, gravel, etc. that exists within the County right of way or easement. All driveways that are installed inside the County right of way are subject to this policy's repair/replacement criteria. Columbia County will only be responsible for damage caused by Columbia County.

The County does not require a permit for the installation of driveways and does not direct owners in determining the driveway construction standards or material. For that reason, owners of driveways are advised that work may be required from time-to-time which could result in the driveway material being removed for repair to utilities in the County's right of way. The County will only be responsible for repairing and or replacing the driveway to its original condition within the right of way. The County will not be responsible for repairs that do not aesthetically match the existing driveway. The County will be responsible for the replacement cost of decorative cement, pavers, and unique designed driveways within County right of way. These decorative items will be replaced to the standards in which they were originally installed.

Columbia County will not be responsible for the maintenance of pipes or culverts that are installed under private driveways. If the pipe or culvert creates a condition that damages or threatens to damage county property, Columbia County reserves the right to take action to remedy the situation. However, in a situation where no utility work was done, and the only action that was taken was to prevent damage to county property, Columbia County will not be responsible for repairs to the pipe or the driveway. Columbia County will take all precautions necessary to prevent any damage to the pipe or driveway in this situation.

Items that have been placed in the right of way by property owners such as mailboxes, headwalls, lights, etc. will be repaired or replaced by Columbia County if they are legally placed in the right of way. Columbia County will follow all guidelines governing the placement of items within the clear zone of the travel lanes when replacing items that were damaged by Columbia County.

Prior to any type of work on a private driveway, photographs will be taken to document the existing condition of the driveway.

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