

Alley Renewal

Rideau Park and Royal Gardens

Edmonton

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Alley Renewal Program

- Alley Renewal is a city funded capital program that renews alley infrastructure on a neighbourhood-wide basis
- Neighbourhoods are prioritized based on average alley condition and timing of planned utility work
- 1,200 kilometres of alleys will be renewed in Edmonton over the next 25 years
- The program is funded by a city-wide Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy, not just a contribution from property owners with back alleys

Alley Renewal includes:

- Removing all alley road infrastructure (to the dirt) then reconstructing alley roads with a new base and hard surface
- Improving surface drainage where possible
- Minor widening to improve turning movements where space allows
- Pruning alley trees and shrubs
- Minor enhancements to improve connections for those who walk, bike or roll, where possible
- Protective posts where needed to clearly identify where alleys end

Alley Renewal does NOT include:

- **Utility work** - While utility work is separate from the Alley Renewal Program, the City works closely with utility partners to coordinate construction activities
- **New alley lighting** - If alleys are without lighting, property owners can petition and fund new lighting to be added to their alleys through the Local Improvement process.
- **Private property enhancements** - Any infrastructure impacts to private property will be repaired/replaced like-for-like, the City will not include any additional work on private properties such as paving personal driveways or pathways

Changes in your neighbourhood



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- Reconstructed and paved alleys throughout the neighbourhood
- Turning movement improvements were made where possible and include minor widening of the driving surface in specified areas
- Trees located on road right-of-way (City property) have been identified as having possible impacts. A City of Edmonton Urban Forester will be conducting further assessments prior to construction
- Proposed wooden posts have been recommended in areas to better identify the alley driving space
- Sidewalk connections added as specified

Before and After



Alley Lighting

- Alley Renewal covers the cost of upgrading existing alley lighting to LED bulbs
- **Adding alley lighting** is NOT included in Alley Renewal
- Property owners wishing to add lighting to their alley can do so through the Local Improvement Program:
 - Adding alley lighting would be 100% funded by all alley property owners
 - For more information visit:
 - Web: edmonton.ca/alleylighting or
 - Email: localimprovement@edmonton.ca

Alley Lighting

If your alley currently has poles but no lighting:

- Property owners can add lighting to the poles through the **Local Improvement Program**
- Power will need to be added in with a separate meter box
- This cost of the lights and power boxes would be shared by all property owners on the alley and may be paid in a lump sum or over the period of five years



*Payment for maintenance and energy consumption will be required every year and appear on property owners' tax assessments

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Preparing for Construction

As the City prepares for construction in your alley, you may see:

- **Utility partners**
 - Conducting inspections
 - Drilling small holes to check for utility locations
 - Working on repairs
- **Design Team**
 - Adding flags and paint markings for land surveys



Preparing for Construction

As the City prepares for construction in your alley, you may see:

- **Professional Arborists (tree specialists)**
 - Pruning and removing trees, hedges and shrubs to:
 - Provide clearance for
 - Construction
 - Automated waste collection
 - Avoid future conflicts with overhead utility lines
- Property owners will be consulted if pruning is extensive or if a private tree requires removal. There is no cost to property owners.



During Construction

During construction you can expect:

- Your alley to be inaccessible for approximately 4 weeks
- No access to alley parking, please let us know about any accessibility concerns
- Waste collection to be temporarily moved to your front street



Timing

- Currently in the planning and design stage 2022-2023
- Construction dates will be confirmed upon completion of design and is anticipated to occur between 2023-2025
- The Project Team will advise your neighbourhood when specific construction dates have been scheduled

Questions?

If you have any questions or local knowledge you would like to share with the Project Team please contact:

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