

# ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

## Building Great Neighbourhoods

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### OVERVIEW

In 2018, the City of Edmonton approved a renewal program to address the poor condition of its nearly 1,200 kilometres of alleys. This long-term plan will improve alleys city-wide over the next 25 years.

### FUNDING

When fully funded, the Alley Renewal program is estimated to be \$22.3 million annually, and is paid for by an increase to the Neighbourhood Renewal Tax Levy. This levy includes a city-wide contribution, not just a contribution from property owners with alleys. There is no additional cost to property owners at the time of alley renewal.

### PRIORITIZATION

Neighbourhood prioritization and scheduling within the Alley Renewal program is primarily based on:

- Average alley neighbourhood condition, as determined by a visual inspection every four years. The program is targeting neighbourhoods with alleys in poor to very poor condition.
- Coordination with utility partners, such as ATCO Gas, EPCOR Water and EPCOR Drainage to ensure Alley Renewal aligns with planned utility work.
- A neighbourhood-wide approach, rather than an alley-by-alley approach, to make construction more efficient and allow for consistency throughout neighbourhoods for future maintenance work.



### ALLEY RENEWAL SCOPE

Work you may see in your neighbourhood in preparation for alley renewal includes:

- Utility assessments and repairs
- Land surveys to inform design (including flags and paint markings)
- Drilling small holes to check utility locations
- Tree and shrub pruning and removals as necessary

Alley Renewal will:

- Reconstruct alleys with a new base and hard surface
- Improve surface drainage, where possible
- Upgrade existing alley lighting to LED

Prior to construction, Project Managers will provide information on construction including impacts to alley access and private property (such as driveways and landscaping).

### ALLEY WORK OUTSIDE OF THE ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM

Outside of the Alley Renewal program, there are a number of ways for alleys to see improvements:

- Depending on the extent of their work and the condition of the alley, utility companies may be required to reconstruct individual alleys after completing their work.
- Property owners can choose to bypass the Alley Renewal program by initiating an Alley Reconstruction Local Improvement petition that must be supported by 50% + 1 of the adjacent residents. If successful, the impacted property owners would be responsible for 100% of the costs and would continue to be responsible for paying the city-wide tax levy.
- Alley maintenance, which includes pothole and patch repairs, will continue to be available by contacting 311.

For further information visit the website:  
[www.edmonton.ca/alleyrenewal](http://www.edmonton.ca/alleyrenewal)