We need your help to keep Kenmore safe and looking great for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians! Did you know that the land between your property and the road is your responsibility? Here are some answers to common questions about maintaining this area.

Right of Way

- Vegetated buffers and planter strips
- Drainage ditches
- Sidewalks

What if I have a hedge, bushes or trees that are against the road or sidewalk?

It is the responsibility of adjacent property owners to keep vegetation clear of the traveled way and out of certain areas at corners to maintain sight distance. If the City receives a vegetation complaint, you will receive a letter from the City with instructions on where vegetation trimming should occur. Citizens are responsible for clearing sidewalk debris and snow.

Water that isn’t from my property passes through the ditch in front of our home. Do I have to clear this ditch?

Yes, maintenance of ditches to be free of debris and blockages is the responsibility of adjacent property owners. Ditches should be mowed by adjacent property owners.

Are the maintenance requirements in the City code?

Yes. The Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) section 12.70 covers vegetation and sidewalk maintenance.

The City has mowed in front of my house in the past. Is this going to continue?

No, the City will rely on adjacent property owners to maintain their vegetation according to the requirements of KMC 12.70.

The sidewalk in front of our house is broken. Is this my responsibility?

Maybe. If the cause of damage is from private property or actions of property owners, then yes. If the cause is not on private property, the City will repair sidewalks based on a prioritized program and funding availability.