

## **Clean Your Own Sidewalk**

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*Some think Orange County should clean sidewalks. "Nuh-uh," says Orange County.*

*Luke Sidewalker (a.k.a. Dennis Horazak)*

There is a rumor that Orange County is responsible for cleaning our sidewalks. To check out that rumor, we asked Cathy Evangelo, Utility Coordinator & Sidewalk Program Manager for the Orange County Public Works Department, if they county cleans sidewalks. Ms. Evangelo replied, "We do not have funding to do sidewalk cleaning. Normally this is the responsibility of the property owner. We use our budget for new sidewalks and sidewalk repairs for safety concerns."

This view aligns with the times. A recent Rasmussen Reports telephone survey found that most voters (65%) say they prefer a government with fewer services and lower taxes rather than one with more services and higher taxes.

So if your sidewalk is a Walk of Slime with more colors than an oil slick in the Gulf, get out the pressure washer (or rent one) and restore your hardscapes to their original concrete luster. Your yard will look better, the sidewalk will be safer to walk on, and you will help stop big government. It's a win-win-win.