



You drive on it every day, but do you know how the road that leads to your driveway is *maintained*?

As Florida's fifth largest county, Marion is home to thousands of miles of roads and road structures. While they all may look similar, they are not all maintained by the same entity. Knowing how the roads you drive on are looked after can help you more easily figure out who to contact when you have a road-related concern and get it resolved: anything from a pothole to a downed tree blocking your driving path.

Step 1: Is the road state-maintained?

State Road 200 or U.S. Highway 441 sound familiar? Roads with the words "state" and "U.S. highway" in their names are maintained at the state level. Direct your call to the Florida Department of Transportation at 352-732-1338.

Step 2: Is it city-maintained?

If the road is within a city limit or you suspect so, contact the respective city's government office to report the issue: Belleview (352-245-7021), Dunnellon (352-465-8500) or Ocala (352-629-2489).

Step 3: Is it county-maintained?

The Marion County Office of the County Engineer, a department of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, maintains approximately 3,000 miles of roads. The level of maintenance for these roads varies by roadway classification and availability of funds. If you have ruled out state or city maintenance, contact the office's Customer Service Center at 352-671-8686 to determine if the road is county-maintained.

Step 4: Is it privately-maintained?

If the road is not maintained at the county level, it may be privately-maintained. Contact the developer's office, homeowners association or private entity in your community to find out if they are responsible for the road's upkeep.

Step 5: No identified maintenance agency or entity?

If none of the above-listed entities maintains the road, county residents whose homes or businesses abut the road will be responsible for correcting the road issue. A call to a private company offering the desired service might help address the concern.



Scan the QR code with a smartphone to go to the Marion County Office of the County Engineer website.