



CITY OF ARDEN HILLS STREET SWEEPING POLICY

Introduction

The City of Arden Hills believes it is in the best interest of the general public for the City to assume basic responsibility for sweeping the City streets. Sweeping is necessary for vehicle and pedestrian safety, water quality issues, and environmental concerns. The City will provide such service in a cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The City will use City employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service. Completion dates are dependent on weather conditions, personnel and equipment availability. The Operations and Maintenance (O & M) Director will be responsible for scheduling of personnel and equipment.

When Street Sweeping Operations will be Performed

1. Spring sweeping when streets are significantly clear of snow and ice.
2. Storm water quality areas – priority basis
3. Environmental/general sweeping – routine/as needed basis
4. Sweeping after seal coating
5. Fall sweeping
6. Bituminous milling recovery sweeping
7. Sweeping after tree trimming and pruning
8. Citizen requests for sweeping will be evaluated and the Operations & Maintenance Director will determine the priority.
9. Erosion/siltation dirt and debris cleanup from construction projects is the responsibility of the developer, contractor, or property owner.

How Street will be Swept

Sweeping is a slow process, with average gutter line speeds for the first sweeping in spring that can be as slow as two to three miles per hour. The City will sweep with its own equipment and manpower, or contract services. Normally center lines are swept after gutter lines are cleaned.

Priorities

The City has classified City streets based on the street function and traffic volume. Accordingly, sweeping routes will be designed to provide the maximum possible benefit to higher volume and water quality sensitive areas.

Weather Condition

Sweeping operations will be conducted when weather conditions permit. Factors that may delay sweeping operations include temperatures below 32 degrees, wind, rain, snow and frozen gutter lines.

Work Schedule

Sweeping operations are performed in conjunction with and can be impacted by other maintenance operations. Sweeping operations will normally be conducted Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Extended workdays and shift changes may be utilized for spring cleanup or emergency sweeping to provide maximum efficiency.

Sidewalks and Trails

The City will sweep trails and sidewalks once in the spring after the risk of snow has passed and they are clear of snow and ice.