



# Milwaukie Street Sweeping FAQ

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**T**he mission of the City's Streets Division is to: maintain the street system in a sustainable manner, at the lowest cost to the rate payer; maintain and enhance the City of Milwaukie's transportation infrastructure; provide safe traveling conditions for pedestrians, bike and vehicular travel; and continue an aggressive sweeping cycle. Regularly sweeping streets helps protect the water quality of local streams, rivers, and creeks.

## **WHY DO THE SWEEPERS COME THROUGH THE SAME DAYS AS GARBAGE DAYS?**

There are five different garbage haulers that operate in Milwaukie and each maintains its own collection routes and schedules. That being the case, there are times when there is some overlap in the garbage collection and street sweeping routes.



## **HOW OFTEN DO THE STREET SWEEPERS MAKE IT THROUGH MILWAUKIE?**

During the peak season - September through January when leaves are falling - it takes approximately 5 weeks to hit all of Milwaukie's streets because the sweepers have to make more trips to unload. In the spring and summer months, it takes about 3 weeks.

## **WHICH STREETS DO THE SWEEPERS HIT IN MILWAUKIE?**

The City initiated a new program in September 2013 where the sweepers began maintaining all of its uncurbed streets as well as its curbed streets.

## **HOW MANY STREET SWEEPERS DOES THE CITY OPERATE?**

The City has two sweepers operating during the peak months, September through January. Only one runs the remainder of the year.

## **SHOULD I SWEEP MY LEAVES INTO THE STREET FOR THE SWEEPER TO PICK UP?**

Milwaukie's Municipal Code says "No." The City's Stormwater Division collects leaves in known trouble areas throughout the City. To report a trouble area, call 503-786-7679.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP STREET SWEEPERS?**

Keeping the roadway in front of your house free of large objects and obstructions is the best way to assist street sweeping. We, therefore, ask residents to follow these guidelines:

- Keep garbage, recycling and yard waste containers off the street.
- Keep the Right-Of-Way, curb area, and street in front of your house as clear as you can.
  - Cars, trucks, boat trailers and recreational vehicles parked on the street prevents the sweeper from reaching the curb lane where debris accumulates.
  - Vegetation should be pruned back 12 ft. above the roadway, and 8 ft. over sidewalks.
  - Basketball hoops should be kept off the roadway and out of the Right-Of-Way.
- Keep large debris out of the road - large sticks, branches and pine needles clog and jam the sweepers' operating systems.

## **CAN I REQUEST A SWEEPER?**

If you see a hazardous condition, call 503-786-7679.

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