

City of Northfield, Minnesota	Policy Number: 9.06
PUBLIC WORKS (STREET DIVISION)	Adopted: 9/18/2018 – Motion 2018-098
STREET SWEEPING POLICY	Revised:

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A. PURPOSE

The City of Northfield finds that sweeping streets is an important part of street maintenance. Sweeping is necessary for vehicle and pedestrian safety, water quality issues and environmental concerns. The City will provide such service in a safe and 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.

B. APPLICATION

This policy applies to City streets. It does not apply to other governmental unit's roads that go through the City (such as County and State roadways) or privately owned roads within the City, unless there is a specific agreement between the City and that other entity or under emergency conditions.

C. STREET SWEEPING OPERATIONS

The Streets and Parks Supervisor is responsible for coordinating street sweeping operations for the City's street system. The Streets and Parks Supervisor will track the progress and the amount of debris that is swept.

First round (Spring) sweeping usually begins late March or early April when streets are generally clear of snow and ice and weather forecasts do not include significant snowfall. The first round of sweeping is typically completed by May, depending on weather.

City streets are swept a second time after all streets have been swept once to sweep up any debris that was missed the first time through. Second sweeping takes less time than the first sweeping.

Fall sweeping will commence mid-October and continue until weather causes operation to cease, such as snow or consistent below freezing temperatures. Areas with extensive foliage will be swept after most of the leaves have fallen.

The downtown area (2nd St to 7th St and Washington St to Water St) is swept every other week from April thru October. This sweeping is done Fridays from 2AM to 7AM.

Citizen requests for sweeping will be evaluated by the Streets and Parks Manager based reviewed based on safety, environment, personnel and equipment.

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Erosion/siltation dirt and debris cleanup from construction projects is the responsibility of the developer, contractor, or property owner. Except in cases of emergency, the streets shall be cleaned and swept within one day of notification. If streets are not swept within the specified time allowed, or in the case of emergency, the City may sweep the street and the responsible party will reimburse the City for all associated costs.

D. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Sweeping operations will be conducted as weather conditions permit. Factors that may delay sweeping operations include, but are not limited to:

- Temperatures below freezing
- Wind
- Rain
- Snow
- Frozen gutter lines

E. WORK SCHEDULE

Sweeping operations are performed in conjunction with and can be impacted by other maintenance operations. Sweeping operations will normally be conducted during a normal work week schedule. Extended workdays and shift changes may be utilized for spring cleanup or emergency sweeping to provide maximum efficiency.

F. QUANTITY

The City will keep track of how many ton of debris are swept up, along with documenting what streets have been swept.

G. SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

The City will sweep trails and sidewalks adjacent to City streets to remove sand and aggregate from the past winter as needed, typically sidewalk closer to the roadway that get debris for winter plowing operations.

H. LIMITATIONS

While the City fully intends to meet the guidelines established in this policy, there may be times when this is not feasible. Issues including, but not limited to, budget constraints, critical equipment failure, weather, or other emergencies may prevent the City from meeting the guidelines established herein.

I. EFFECTIVE DATE OF POLICY

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This Policy will be effective as of September 18, 2018. Modifications of the Policy will be effective on the date said modifications are approved by the City Council.