

What is Street Sweeping?

Street sweeping is an important pollution prevention function provided in our community. Municipal street sweeping uses a mechanical sweeper to clean streets, intersections, public parking lots, and curb and gutter to remove debris, leaves, dirt and other pollutants to maintain a neat appearance and prevent the accumulation of debris in the storm drainage system.



The City of Perry uses the street sweeping program to reduce the amount of pollutants entering the storm drainage system, thus protecting our local waterways from litter and debris. The accumulation of pollution in our waterways can degrade water quality and destroy the habitats of our water ways. Anything on our city streets, sidewalks, parking lots or driveways can wash into storm drains and be carried directly to local waterways without treatment. Street sweeping removes harmful waste such as metal particulates, engine fluids, and motor oils, which can be harmful to our waterways as well.

Street sweeping is important to removing debris from the streets before rain fall, as debris that blocks the way for water entering the drainage system can cause flooding, which can lead to property damage and quality of life issues.

Only Rain down the Drain!

Rainwater often carries street debris (trash, leaves, cigarette butts, grass clippings, pet wastes, vehicle fuels) into storm drains. Also, pesticides, paints, antifreeze and used motor oil can end up in our local water ways when people dispose of them improperly. Remember this would affect our drinking water, recreation area and a valuable habitat.



Who is Responsible for the Street Sweeper ?

The City of Perry's Public Works Department is responsible for the sweeping of city's streets. Sweeping frequency for city's streets are swept according to an established schedule and after outdoor special events.

How Can You Help the Street Sweeper Keep Your Street Clean and Protect Our Local Water Ways?

If you live or work on a city street, you can take an active role in helping protect our environment by following some easy street sweeping tips::

- Collect and dispose of large trash or debris.
- Keep landscape plants and branches pruned back to allow sweeper full access to curb and gutters.
- Only fill trash cans to height which ensures that trash is not blown onto street.
- Properly dispose of trash and debris—this includes pet waste.
- Do not pile debris into the street for the sweeper (particularly leaves or other yard waste).