



## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

### Street Sweeping Policy

#### INTRODUCTION

The City of Alexandria finds that it is in the best interest of the residents for the City to assume basic responsibility of sweeping City streets. Reasonable 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 Public Works Coordinator or his/her designee will be responsible for scheduling of personnel and equipment.

#### WHEN WILL THE CITY PERFORM STREET SWEEPING OPERATIONS?

- A. Spring sweeping of snow and ice control aggregate will begin when streets are significantly clear of snow and ice, usually late March or early April, after the risk of later snowfall has passed. Spring sweeping is typically completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Fall sweeping will commence late September and typically is completed by early November. Areas with extensive foliage will be swept after most of the leaves have fallen.
- C. Storm Water Quality areas will be swept on a priority basis throughout the year.
- D. Environmental/general sweeping will be performed on a routine/as needed basis. All City streets will be swept a minimum of twice a year.
- E. Bituminous milling recovery sweeping will be performed within twenty-four (24) hours of a grinding, milling, or crack sealing operation.
- F. 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 twenty-four (24) hours notification. If the streets are not swept within the specified time allowed, or in the case of an emergency, the City may sweep the street and the responsible party will reimburse the City for all associated costs.
- G. Tree trimming and pruning areas will be swept within twenty-four (24) hours of the operation.
- H. Citizen requests for sweeping will be evaluated and the Public Works Coordinator will determine the priority.

#### HOW WILL STREETS 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 (2) to three (3) miles per hour. The City will sweep with its own equipment and personnel or contract services. Normally centerlines are swept after gutter lines are cleaned. Equipment may include mechanical, vacuum, or regenerative air sweepers.

## PRIORITIES

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

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

Sweeping conditions will be conducted when weather conditions permit. Factors that may delay sweeping operations include:

- temperatures below 32°F
- wind
- rain
- snow
- 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 Thursday; from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday; from 3:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Extended workdays and shift changes may be utilized for spring cleanup or emergency sweeping to provide maximum efficiency. For safety reasons, no operator shall work more than a twelve (12) hour shift in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

## SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

The City will sweep trails and sidewalks once a month in the spring after the risk of snow has passed and they are clear of snow and ice, or on an as-needed basis.