

# Spring street sweeping program begins April 5

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**Welland, ON** – The City of Welland Public Works Division will initiate the annual city-wide street sweeping program of city roadways starting April 5, 2022. This program is part of the city’s commitment to public safety; street sweeping lessens the opportunity of skids and collisions.

Although this program has the potential to pause due to weather-related conditions, staff anticipate the program will take approximately four to six weeks to complete.

“This is an important process to complete each spring,” said James Sticca, manager of public works. “Cleaning our streets from the winter debris and excess build-up of material on our roads creates a safer driving experience and minimizes the risk for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.”

City staff will commence street sweeping within zone one and continue systematically to zone 19. Hours of operation for the sweepers is Monday-Friday from 3 a.m. – 3 p.m. In addition, operators will clean curb lines within cul-de-sacs, and if snow piles remain, sweepers will do another pass in the cul-de-sac centre areas after all zones are completed.

Sweeping creates a healthier environment, reducing dust and other airborne particulates. The program also reduces the amount of material that washes away into the storm sewer system, leading to the canal, river, and creeks.

How can you help?

- Please refrain from parking your vehicles on the road during this period
- Please refrain from sweeping your driveway and sidewalk debris onto the roadway
- Do not sweep the gutter or edge of road material into a pile
- Please remove hockey and basketball nets from the edge of the road

For inquiries regarding the city’s street sweeping, please contact Public Works at 905-735-1700 x3000.

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