

Street Sweeping Program – 2015

Street sweeping is typically performed during the third shift, 10:30 PM to 7:00 AM, to minimize the disruption to residents. Work is performed during these times starting Sunday night through Friday morning. Sweeping historically has been done with two City-owned sweepers and two vendors. The City staff also provides assistance in hauling debris from the sweeper operating area to the DPW facility, where it is then transferred during normal hours to the RI Resource Recovery facility in Johnston, to be used as a landfill cover material.

Sweeping is normally done on a ward-by-ward basis, working from a centralized location within the ward, to complete that area. It typically takes 3 to 4 days to complete one ward, but time may vary depending on such factors as the amount of debris, inclement weather, parked vehicles, mechanical or personnel issues or other factors.

The primary purpose of the initial sweeping of the streets is to remove sand placed during snow and ice control. Sweeping cannot be performed until all snow banks have melted from the streets. Since sand is typically used more on hills to provide traction in winter storms, those wards with a significant amount of hills should be swept sooner.

For the 2015 sweeping season, work is anticipated to begin on the night of April 5th. The tentative schedule is:

WARD	DATES
3	April 5, 6, 7 & 8
2	April 9, 12, 13, & 14
1	April 15, 16, 19 & 20
4	April 21, 22, 23, & 26
14	April 27, 28, 29 & 30
5	May 3, 4, 5 & 6
6	May 7, 10, 11 & 12
7	May 13, 14, 17 & 18
15	May 19, 20, 21 & 25
13	May 26, 27, 28 & 31
12	June 1, 2, 3 & 4
11	June 7, 8, 9 & 10
10	June 11, 14, 15 & 16
9	June 17, 18, 21 & 22
8	June 23, 24, 25 & 28

Street sweeping has become more challenging due to the greater number of residents participating in the overnight parking program. Some consideration should be given to parking prohibition or alternating parking during sweeping operations.