

# Fight

# Sweeps &

# Organize



**UNDERSTAND SWEEPS  
AND HOW  
ORGANIZERS FIGHT BACK**

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## Breaking Down What are Sweeps

The forced disbanding of homeless communities & removal of homeless individuals from an area.

The threat or use of force, arrest, citation, and/or destruction of property to coerce homeless communities to disband or individuals to disappear.

The theft or destruction of property, including vehicles.

**... Or any combination  
of the above**

## Staying Accountable to Our Community!

Since fall 2024, WRAP members have been engaged in a sweeps outreach initiative.

**300 outreach  
forms completed  
across 6 cities!**

Community based outreach is what identifies the priorities and what keeps organizations accountable to the community!



# Outreach Trends

Sweeps are **dehumanizing**, result in **violence** & are a tool to **criminalize** unhoused people.

**71%** NO advance notice of a sweep

**74%** Reported belongings thrown away at the time of the sweep

**40%** Threatened with arrest!

**88%** No service offered!

What is important for the broader community to understand about sweeps?  
#1 answer was simply **"We are human."**

# Sweeps are Only a Symptom of the Larger Problem

Trying to solve homelessness with criminalization, erasure & band-aid solutions will only lead to dead ends.

**73%** had their vehicles towed!

**95%** No access to legal services

**74%** of sweeps were conducted by police

Where did people end up after being swept?

**77%** Ended up back living on the streets

Nothing ends homelessness like a home!

# Join the Fight for Our Right to Dignity & Respect!

**Get connected with a WRAP member today!**



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**QR code takes you to our sweeps website!**



Reach out to WRAP & we can connect you to organizations, assist your local organizing & plug you into our outreach effort!