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 of force, arrest, citation, and/or destruction of property to coerce homeless communities to disband.

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!