

WHAT IS **STREET SWEEPING?**

Street sweeping is an important pollution prevention function in our community. Municipal street sweeping uses a mechanical sweeper to clean streets, intersections, public parking lots, and curbs and gutters to remove debris, leaves, dirt, and other pollutants, maintaining a neat appearance and preventing debris accumulation in the storm drainage system.

The City of Perry uses the street sweeping program to reduce pollutants entering the storm drainage system, protecting local waterways from litter and debris. Pollution buildup in waterways can degrade water quality and destroy habitats. Anything on city streets, sidewalks, parking lots, or driveways can wash into storm drains and flow directly to local waterways without treatment.

Street sweeping removes harmful waste such as metal particulates, engine fluids, and motor oils, which can negatively impact waterways. It is also crucial for clearing debris before rainfall, as blocked drainage can cause flooding, leading to property damage and quality of life issues.

