

What are the goals of street sweeping?

- Preventing pollutants from entering waterways
- Removing sediments and debris that can harm pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; and reducing the accumulation of sediments and debris that could clog storm drains and lead to ponding and flooding.
- Larger waste items from yard trimmings will not be captured by street sweeping.

What can I do to have an effective sweep?

- Remove all vehicles from the street on your sweep day.
- Remove all trash, yard waste, garbage cans, cones, and dumpsters from the street on your sweep day.
- Keep your trees trimmed up 14 feet from the street.
- Remind your neighbors to follow these same guidelines.

How often do streets get swept?

Business districts are assigned to be swept twice per week, commercial arterials and bikeways are scheduled for only two sweeps per month. Residential streets are swept only once per month. You can [look up your street sweeping day](http://www.sjenvironment.org/lookup). (www.sjenvironment.org/lookup)

Why do we have to move our cars?

Move vehicles off the street on your sweep day. One parked car equals nearly three car lengths of space that can't be swept because the street sweeper must leave room to avoid it. Visit [Vehicle Abatement](#) to report vehicles abandoned for more than 72 hours.

What happens when people don't move their cars?

Moving your car on sweep day is the most important thing you can do to ensure clean streets for San José. Always obey posted "no parking" or street sweeping schedule signs to avoid tickets or towing. If no signs are posted, you can [look up your street sweeping day](http://www.sjenvironment.org/lookup).

Why aren't my streets being swept?

There are private streets as well as some county and state pockets within the boundaries of San Jose that are not swept by the City.

How can we request that our streets get swept?

The first step would be to use the look up tool to verify the sweeping day and confirm that sweeping is not taking place. Once it has been confirmed that sweeping is not occurring, contact the Street Sweeping Section at (408) 794-1920.

Can we get street sweeping signs?

Prohibitive parking signs are restricted to streets where parked vehicles on street sweeping days have the greatest negative impacts to street sweeping operations. The program is also limited to available funding to install and enforce signs, and to pay for the additional costs of

sweeping signed areas. You may contact the Street Sweeping Section at (408)794-1920 to request an inspection of your street to see if the street qualifies for street sweeping signs.

Why does the street sweeper drive in the middle of the street?

The sweeper is either traveling to another street if his brooms are up or sweeping down the middle of the street because of obstructions such as cars, low hanging trees or trash.

Why didn't the street sweeper pick the debris on the street?

It is the properties owner's responsibility to sweep up all yard waste residues or trash and remove it from the street after it has been collected. Sweepers will not sweep up yard waste and trash as these kinds of items can cause damage to the sweeper.