

STREET SWEEPING POLICY

1. Introduction

The City of Alden believes it is in the best interest of the residents for the City to assume basic responsibility of sweeping on city streets. Reasonable sweeping is necessary for vehicle and pedestrian safety, water quality issues and environmental concerns. The City will provide such service in a cost-effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The City will use City employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service. Completion dates are dependent on weather conditions, personnel and equipment availability. The Street Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for scheduling of personnel and equipment.

2. When Will the City Perform Street Sweeping Operations?

A. Spring sweeping of snow and ice control aggregate will begin when streets are significantly clear of snow and ice, usually late March or early April, after the risk of later snowfall has passed. Spring sweeping is typically completed by May 1.

B. Sealcoating is a surface application of an asphalt emulsion followed by a layer of small rock that protects the pavement from the deteriorating effects of sun and water plus it provides increased surface friction. Sealcoat sweeping will commence 7 days after application of sealcoat and will be completed within 14 days of application.

C. Fall sweeping will commence in October and typically is completed by November 15. Areas with extensive foliage will be swept after most of the leaves have fallen.

D. Storm Water Quality areas will be swept on a priority basis throughout the year.

E. Environmental/general sweeping will be performed on a routine/as needed basis.

F. Citizen requests for sweeping will be evaluated and the Street Superintendent will determine the priority.

3. How Will Streets Be Swept?

Sweeping is a slow process with average gutter line speeds for the first sweeping in spring that can be as slow as 2 to 3 miles per hour. The City will sweep with its own equipment and manpower, or contract services. Normally center lines are swept after gutter lines are cleaned. Equipment may include mechanical, vacuum or regenerative air sweepers.

4. Priorities

The City has classified City streets based on the street function, traffic volume, impact on water quality and the environment, and the importance to the welfare of the Community. Accordingly, sweeping routes will be designed to provide the maximum possible benefit to higher volume and water quality sensitive areas. CONTINUED

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5. Weather Conditions

Sweeping operations will be conducted when weather conditions permit. Factors that may delay sweeping operations include: temperatures below 32 degrees, wind, rain, snow, and frozen gutter lines.

6. Work Schedule

Sweeping operations are performed in conjunction with and can be impacted by other maintenance operations. Sweeping operations will normally be conducted Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Extended workdays and shift changes may be utilized for spring cleanup or emergency sweeping to provide maximum efficiency. For safety reasons, no operator shall work more than a twelve-hour shift in any twenty-four hour period.

7. Safety

Sand, sealcoat rock, or other dirt and debris on the street can create a potentially dangerous condition for vehicles, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians. It would not be practical or effective to sign all streets for potential dangerous conditions. During sealcoat or milling operations, warning signs indicating loose rock will be placed on each end of collector and arterial streets or other appropriate areas where needed. These signs will remain in place until the street has been swept. Employees will follow all work rules, OSHA regulations, and Federal and State laws to ensure a safe sweeping operation.

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