



Spring Clean-Up is an annual street cleaning program that removes sanding materials and other debris that has accumulated on roads and along major sidewalks and boulevards during the winter months. This helps make the roads safer, protect the environment, and improve the appearance of city roads.

Spring Clean-Up is scheduled to start officially on Monday, April 12, 2010. If the weather is favourable in the lead up to this date we are able to begin pre-sweeping activities, giving us a head start on the overall program.

Spring Clean-Up helps improve the mobility and safety of all Calgarians, preventing cars, motorcycles, and bicycles from sliding on loose material left behind by winter sanding. Safe and clean city roads, public parks and green spaces are a benefit to all Calgarians.

The City sweeps almost 15,000 lane km of paved roads, and getting the work done is a collaborative effort. We're calling on Calgarians to help us make a clean sweep of Calgary. We rely on the cooperation of vehicle owners to observe street cleaning signs and remove their vehicles and garbage or recycling bins when a parking ban is in place. If parking bans are in place, vehicles left on the roadway will be towed. If no bans are in place, vehicles, bins or other obstructions on the road will be swept around. Given the tight schedule, and hundreds of Calgary communities, it is unlikely City crews would be able to come back. Moving vehicles from the roadway is a short-term inconvenience for the good of the city.

Effects on waste and recycling collection:

- Blue and black carts left on the street can interfere with Spring Clean Up. Place your cart on the sidewalk or grass boulevard next to the curb on the week your street is scheduled for cleaning. We are coordinating with Waste and Recycling Services to ensure crews are aware of our schedules and the impact on their services.
- If your cart is picked up from a back lane, put it in the same place as normal. Make sure to leave at least one metre between the cart and surrounding objects.

Spring Clean-Up helps protect our environment as it reduces water pollution by preventing the run-off of sanding materials and debris into our storm water system. On average, City crews remove about 50,000 tonnes of winter sanding materials and debris from our roads. If poured into McMahon Stadium, the pile would be 12 feet deep!

Our tentative schedule - ***which may change depending on a variety of factors such as weather or equipment availability*** – will soon be available on calgary.ca/sweep. Please note that communities swept first this year, will get swept last next year, and vice versa.

For all Roads enquiries, citizens are welcome to contact 3-1-1.