

Water Watch



City of Orem Street Sweeping Program

The Maintenance Division of Orem City's Public Works department recognizes the importance of keeping all City streets clean for our citizens and for the environment. Currently, the City owns and operates three regenerative air street sweepers.

Street sweeping is an integral part of our street and storm water maintenance program. During this past year, street sweeping crews swept more than 5600 miles and picked up more than 2000 cubic yards of debris. In the past, City crews have been able to sweep every street



throughout the City an average of nine times a year.

The street sweeping season usually starts in early March and ends in December. Weather and temperature impact start and end dates.

The primary objectives of the City's street sweeping program are to:

1. Provide a clean appearance for residents and the visiting public.
2. Reduce health hazards by removing pollutants that are contained in or are a part of sweepings. Sweeping directly reduces PM 10 air borne dust pollution and the discharge of pollutants into the storm drainage system.
3. Reduce maintenance costs by keeping the storm drainage system clean.

The City is highly committed to keeping our streets as clean as possible. Citizens can help by keeping vehicles, trailers, basketball hoops, etc. off the street. We realize that this is not always possible, but it would help us in sweeping the entire street instead of going around vehicles that have been left on the street.

One of the most frequently asked questions is "When will my street be swept so that I can move my vehicle?" The answer is that the City has limited resources (three street sweepers), unpredictable weather and unscheduled vehicle repair work. It is almost impossible to know exactly what day your street will be swept.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please call the Street Section of Public Works at 229-7534.

If you wouldn't drink it, don't dump it!

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A Note to Orem Business Owners About Sweeping

If you currently have a program for parking lot sweeping or are considering it, you may be eligible for a credit on your storm sewer fees.

The Storm Water Quality Credit program was designed to encourage businesses to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for storm water. These BMPs range from good housekeeping to proper storage of hazardous chemicals to employee training.

Typically, businesses that choose to participate in the program see between 18%-30% reduction in their storm sewer fees. If you would like to see if you are eligible storm water quality credits, you can stop by Orem City Public Works at 955 N 900 W or call 229-7556 to get more details.

Storm Water Presentations

The City of Orem Storm Sewer Utility is concerned about educating all people about storm water. As a result we have initiated a public education program that we

We can also give our presentation at a city facility if you don't have enough room.

We also have a display that describes how to handle several types of household pollutants. (See picture below with "Your Street Flows To A Waterway.") This display can be left unattended in a setting such as a library or a reception area in an office.



have taken to local fairs and festivals as well as schools. We would now like to expand these efforts by taking storm water education to your group or organization.

Our presentation involves a short video, a lecture or question and answer session, and an interactive model activity. The model allows participants to make it rain on a landscape to see what happens to potential pollutants in a rain storm. (See photo above.)

Our presentation is very adaptable. We have given it in as little as 15 minutes and as long as 60 minutes. We have given it to Scout troops and elementary school classes from 1st to 6th grade.

Finally, we can provide literature on several topics relating to water pollution as well as activity books and pencils.

We will have all of our materials available for you to see at Summerfest June 14-15.

If you'd like to preview what we have, you can call 229-7556 to schedule a presentation or to get more information.

