

ASK THE CITY MANAGER

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ABOUT.....STREET SWEEPING

Q. It's been awhile since I've seen a street sweeper in my neighborhood. When can I expect to see them again and how can I find out more information about the city's street sweeping program?

A. Streets crews sweep one of four zones on a weekly basis. Our goal is to sweep all arterial and downtown streets weekly and all collector and residential streets monthly, weather and time permitting. The four sweeping zones are as follows:

Zone	Description
1	Crawford to the south City limits and from Ninth Street to the west City limits
2	Crawford to the south City limits and from Ninth Street to the east City limits
3	Crawford to the north City limits and from Ninth Street to the east City limits
4	Crawford to the north City limits and from Ninth Street to the west City limits

There are a number of ways the city provides information to citizens about our street sweeping operations. Public Works provides a weekly news release to all local media outlets each Friday, which is typically made available to the public by Sunday. Additionally, staff posts the sweeping schedule on our website at www.salina-ks.gov. This information may also be viewed on Access TV of Salina, Channel 20 and heard on numerous local radio stations. Finally, you can visit our office at 412 E. Ash or call to find out more information.

On July 31, Public Works placed a new street sweeper into operation. This is one of only two sweepers the city uses to provide all of its sweeping operations. The street sweepers are used as part of an overall street maintenance program designed to help keep the city clean, present a neat and orderly appearance and reduce trash, leaves and other debris from entering our storm drainage system. If not removed, this debris could ultimately clog stormwater pipes and contribute to flooding during periods of heavy rain.

The new street sweeper is now equipped with a front broom, which improves the sweeper's performance and efficiency. Staff is able to change the broom's height and angle to reach areas previously not accessible by the old model. Nevertheless, citizens are encouraged to clear their curb and gutter, relocate vehicles out of on-street parking and remove any other large items that may prevent the sweeper from properly cleaning the street.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us at 309-5750.