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City of Edmonton

City to give neighbourhoods a clean sweep

Roadway Maintenance crews to remove dust and debris from residential roads

City of Edmonton street sweeping crews are getting an early start in residential areas this spring, with the first street sweepers arriving in neighbourhoods on Monday, April 13.



"With the higher temperatures last month, snow and ice melted and we were able to get some sweeping done on major roads over the last several weeks," says Roland Atchison, Superintendant of Operations with Roadway Maintenance. "Now that the snow and ice is mainly gone from gutters and boulevards in residential areas, we have launched a full-scale street cleaning campaign."

Clean up of Edmonton's 4,700 km of roads, including major roads, residential streets, alleyways and boulevards, takes sixto nine weeks for crews to complete. Citizens are asked to remove litter and debris from boulevards next to their residential or commercial properties prior to street sweepers visiting their area

Edmontonians are reminded to watch for signs that indicate street cleaning crews will be coming to their neighbourhoods and to remove their vehicles from curbside wherever possible.

An interactive street sweeping schedule, much like the neighbourhood blading schedule used over the winter months, is available online at <u>edmonton.ca/streetcleaning</u>.

Aways seeking innovative and cost effective maintenance methods, the City of Edmonton cleans and Aways seeking innovative and cost enecutive manufactor methods, the city of Editorio teams and separates the material picked up during the spring cleaning campaign using a leading-edge environmental process. Eighty per cent of it is then used for future winter road maintenance, reducing the strain on landfills. The City's recycling program saves Edmonton taxpayers approximately \$5 million in reduced truck travel, sand purchasing and 1,000 fewer tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

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