



Street Sweeping Facts

- The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) \$2.1 million street sweeping program preserves pavement and protects city infrastructure by removing salt, litter, gravel and other debris along Combined Sewer thoroughfares; streets in the downtown Mile Square and Broad Ripple areas; major county thoroughfares; as well as along bike lanes and trails. Street sweeping also protects water quality by removing dirt and surface debris, minimizing the burden on the city's sewer system. It also keeps leaves and other debris from clogging stormwater drains, which may result in flooding during rainy days.
- The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) plans to sweep 7,300 lane miles of thoroughfares within the city's Combined Sewer area (central Marion County), the Mile Square and Broad Ripple areas, as well as county thoroughfares. Indy DPW will also sweep street bike lanes, as well as medians to provide a clean, safe environment for bicycles and pedestrians. Sweeping bike lanes and trails is an addition to the original sweeping agreement with Citizens Energy Group, which included only thoroughfares.
- DPW is not accepting service requests to add additional streets to its current sweeping program at this time.
- Sweeping routes address streets that are salted in the winter or fall within in the Combined Sewer area, where Citizens Energy owns and maintains infrastructure. Under the previous sweeping agreement with Citizens, a vendor performed street sweeping in those areas; that contract ended in March 2019.
- Combined Sewer areas are places where stormwater and sanitary sewer systems are linked and contents must be treated before being released into waterways. Combined sewers are found all over Indianapolis, but generally in central Marion County. Many of the city's older neighborhoods near waterways, including White River, Fall Creek, Eagle Creek, Pleasant Run, Bean Creek and Pogue's Run, lie within the Combined Sewer area.
- A map of sweeping routes and a schedule is available at indy.gov/sweep. Sweeping includes:
 - Crews are sweeping in the Mile Square area seven days a week;
 - Each thoroughfare **inside** of the city's Combined Sewer area at least three times per month;

- Each street bike lane is swept multiple times per year.
- The City's street sweeping program has shifted to a unified daytime schedule, operating from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Street sweeping will continue seven days a week. This shift has not resulted in any changes to zones.
- Residents will not be notified when their street will be swept. Using the [Street Sweeping Map](#), residents who park on-street should be able to determine their sweeping day and move their vehicles before the street is swept.
- Schedules for countywide routes outside the Combined Sewer area are under development.
- Since April 1, 2019, 19 employees, including three supervisors, have been hired and trained to form a dedicated Indy DPW Street Sweeping Team. These employees have been trained to operate the specialized sweeping equipment on thoroughfares, bike lanes and greenways within the designated sweeping zones.
- During May and June 2019, employees began training on new sweeping equipment and learning routes while addressing excess debris left over from the winter.
- As of August 1, all thoroughfares within the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) area, including the Mile Square and Broad Ripple, have been swept 2-3 times as crews address sweeping routes and fulfill contract obligations.
- The program is partially funded through a contract with Citizens Energy Group, which was previously responsible for street maintenance in Combined Sewer infrastructure areas; redirected funds from a prior vendor contract which expired in March 2019; and revenue from expanded fee-collection hours on city parking meters fund following approval by the Indianapolis City-County Council in January 2019.

Program Goals:

- Keep litter, yard waste and debris from reaching storm drains and, eventually, our waterways.
- Expand street sweeping on all thoroughfares, eventually adding secondary roads, to include all surfaces which receive salt.
- Prioritize sweeping of gutter lanes, curb lanes and lanes closest to the median while improving efforts to sweep medians previously cleaned by hand.