

# UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

**TOGETHER, LET'S KEEP SAN DIEGO CLEAN**

Para obtener información actualizada sobre los cambios de las rutas de barrido de calles, visite [ThinkBlue.org](http://ThinkBlue.org).

## WHAT IS STREET SWEEPING?

The City of San Diego's Stormwater Department works to protect and enhance neighborhoods across the city through exceptional public service and modern infrastructure that reflects the importance of clean water and flood risk reduction. **Street sweeping is a pollution prevention service** that protects local waterways and infrastructure by strategically targeting trash and pollution removal in urban environments. Street sweeper vehicles are outfitted with water sprayers, rotating brushes and a vacuum, which work together to remove toxic pollutants and trash from roads while reducing dust levels. They help benefit our community by cleaning, beautifying and making our streets safer.

## BENEFITS OF STREET SWEEPING

REMOVES TRASH/DEBRIS IN  
NEIGHBORHOODS

IMPROVES AESTHETICS

PROTECTS WATER QUALITY

KEEPS LOCAL WATERWAYS &  
BEACHES CLEAN

## DID YOU KNOW?

The City's fleet of 28 sweepers routinely cover 61,000 miles of streets annually, removing 220,000 pounds of trash and debris. That is equivalent to the weight of 250 million cigarette butts and disposable face masks.



**CLEAN STORMWATER  
MEANS CLEAN WATER  
AND BEACHES FOR ALL  
SAN DIEGANS.**

## THINK BLUE SAN DIEGO & THE IMPORTANCE OF STORMWATER

San Diego has always been defined by its close proximity to the ocean and its natural environment, from beaches to bays to rivers, lakes and estuaries. Protecting our public health and local marine life means keeping trash and pollutants out of local waterways and off beaches. Various items like cigarettes, plastics, pet waste, vehicle fluids, paint thinners, garden fertilizers and pesticides can have impacts to San Diego's waterways and open spaces.

The water in our stormwater system is not treated – it flows directly into the ocean. This means any pollution picked up by stormwater also flows into our precious natural environments. Debris can block storm drains and cause localized flooding during heavy rains. To learn how you can get involved to help prevent pollution, visit [ThinkBlue.org](http://ThinkBlue.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?

About 80% of all ocean pollution begins inland and flows through gutters, storm drains and watersheds to the coast.

## UPCOMING CHANGES – STREET SWEEPING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The following neighborhood street sweeping frequency changes will begin September 1, 2022.

### INCREASED SWEEPING FREQUENCY

Specific streets in Clairemont, Linda Vista, Bay Park, Miramar, Mira Mesa, and University City

## DECREASED SWEEPING FREQUENCY

Specific streets in Peninsula, Midway-Pacific Highway, Balboa Park, Normal Heights, Kensington, College Area, Grantville, Logan Heights, Encanto, Golden Hill, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, and El Cerrito [with City Heights Boundary]

## CONVERTED TO POSTED SIGNAGE

Starting in August 2022 and occurring in phases by impacted streets, some street sweeping routes in the neighborhoods below will begin to have signage posted along routes to implement limited-hour parking restrictions, which means parking citations will be dispensed for violations.

Specific streets in Encanto, North Clairemont, Allied Gardens, and Clairemont Mesa

Vehicle citations will be phased in by route for parking restriction violations. There will be a 30-day grace period following sign installation for areas with new parking restrictions. For more specific information regarding parking restrictions and citations, please visit [ThinkBlue.org](https://www.thinkblue.org) for a link to more information.

## BASIS FOR SWEEPING CHANGES

The Stormwater Department's [Funding Strategy](#) explains the costs associated with delivering stormwater services, including current and anticipated funding levels, and identifies strategies for addressing funding shortages of these critical services. The Stormwater Department assessed what kind of street sweeping equipment and frequency help best reduce pollutants and trash along our roadways. Through research, analysis, and data collected as part of this effort, the Stormwater Department determined some changes were necessary for parking restrictions and sweeping frequencies to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of the street sweeping program. As a result, street sweeping services will change in the neighborhoods mentioned above to keep your neighborhood clean and bolster the City's overall pollution prevention efforts.

## PARTNERING TOGETHER

Our outreach specialists, parking enforcement teams, and street sweeper operators partner to keep San Diego clean. Parking enforcement officers help move large debris in front of the sweepers, ensure the sweepers can access the street gutter where pollutants accumulate, navigate crowded streets to maximize pollutant removal, ensure safety for residents, and protect private property. Street sweepers are most effective when they can reach the curb, so please do your part by keeping your vehicle off the street during restricted times.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [ThinkBlue.org](https://www.thinkblue.org) and click "Stormwater Services" for more information about these upcoming changes in your neighborhood and learn what you can do to prevent pollution! If you have any questions about Street Sweeping, please call 619-527-3482 or email [swppp@sandiego.gov](mailto:swppp@sandiego.gov). To report storm drain pollution or other issues, use the Get it Done app or go to [SanDiego.gov/Get-It-Done](https://www.sandiego.gov/Get-It-Done). For more specific information regarding your neighborhood's street sweeping schedule, please visit [ThinkBlue.org](https://www.thinkblue.org) for a link to more information.

## TIPS TO REMEMBER



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE. OBSERVE SIGNS AND VISIT [THINKBLUE.ORG](https://www.thinkblue.org).



FIND UNRESTRICTED PARKING FOR YOUR VEHICLE ON SCHEDULED SWEEPING DAYS. FOLLOW POSTED PARKING RESTRICTION SCHEDULE.



NOTE HOLIDAYS OR RAIN MAY IMPACT SWEEPING SCHEDULE. CHECK THE WEBSITE.



DISPOSE OF TRASH AND WASTE APPROPRIATELY – LET'S KEEP SAN DIEGO'S GUTTERS CLEAN!

SCAN HERE TO LEARN IF YOUR STREET WILL BE IMPACTED BY THESE CHANGES.

INTERACTIVE STREET SWEEPING MAP



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