



# Street Sweeping Keeps

# The Dalles Safe and Clean

Transportation Division

## 3 Benefits of Street Sweeping

### You can help the City make a clean sweep

- Citizens are asked to park vehicles off the street during sweeper hours: Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To report abandoned autos (extended parking with flat tire, storing junk, expired tags or broken windows) call (541) 296-5481 x1153.
- Remove grass or weeds that grow in the gutter.
- Remove large sticks and branches from the street in front of your house. They can jam and damage the street sweeper.
- Don't blow or pile yard debris or fallen leaves in the street.
- If you own a pet, be a good neighbor and "scoop the poop".
- Pick up trash left in the street.

A regular schedule of street sweeping keeps our City clean and attractive. There are also many other benefits to street sweeping.

### Safe & Clean Streets

Street gutters tend to collect leaves, sticks, trash and other debris. Items in the road can cause damage to vehicles and bicycles. Removal of debris prevents trip or slip hazards for pedestrians.

### Prevents Flooding

Debris can clog gutters and catch basins, diverting water into roadways, which can cause localized street flooding. Pedestrians, cyclists and runners may detour into vehicle traffic to avoid floodwaters. Vehicles should avoid driving through standing water.

### Preserves Water Quality

Catch basins drain stormwater directly into local waterways without treatment to remove pollutants. Street sweeping picks up sand, gravel, grass clippings, pet waste and other pollutants before they can wash into streams and rivers.



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## Street Sweeper Safety Tips

City sweeper drivers are trained professionals that prioritize safety. However, the driver must pay attention to curb-side cleaning as well as moving vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Obstacles such as parked cars, that a following vehicle driver can't see, may cause the sweeper driver to unexpectedly turn into the lane of traffic.

Street sweepers are slow moving and easy to spot. Proceed cautiously when driving, biking or walking near an operating street sweeper.

**Use Caution** when passing a moving street sweeper. A parked car and other obstacles ahead and may cause the driver to swerve suddenly into vehicles or bicyclists attempting to pass.

**Do:** Allow extra following distance when driving a vehicle behind a moving street sweeper. Pedestrians and bicyclists might want to cross to the other side of the street from the sweeper or step a distance away while the sweeper passes.

**Don't:** Follow a street sweeper closely. Airborne dust may make visibility difficult. Small rocks may get kicked up by the rotating brooms. The City is not responsible for rock chips or injuries caused by street sweepers.



### Call Public Works at (541) 296-5401 if you see a hazard that needs to be swept up

- You can help us out by sweeping up broken auto glass or other hazards from the street in front of your home or business, place in a bag and then put them in your trash can. If you see hazards in front of someone else's home or business you can call Public Works for a special request sweep.
- The City staff can sweep up or pick up a dead animal up to the size of a squirrel, cat or skunk if it is in the lane of traffic within the City limits.

To view Transportation Division activities visit the City website at [thedalles.org/transportation](http://thedalles.org/transportation) or contact the Public Works office at (541) 296-5401.