

Street Sweepers Keep Streets and Water Clean



In Lake Oswego, the street sweepers and Public Works Operations are busy keeping our streets and waterways clean. Last fiscal year, the three street sweepers swept more than 6,400 miles of road, collecting enough debris to fill almost 16,000 40-gallon lawn trash bags.

Even with unreliable equipment, Lake Oswego meets its stormwater program and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit regulatory requirements for street cleaning. Cleaning streets keeps water clean by preventing gravel and contaminants from entering waterways. In addition, cleaning streets helps prevent flooding and keeps our streets safer and less slick. The City sweeps curbed and guttered streets 4 times per year and major arterials more than 12 times per year.

- - [Meet the newest Street Sweeper - A7 Tornado](#)

The new sweeper is designed with efficiency. It comes equipped with two diesel engines, one to power the motor, and the other for the vacuum that sucks up debris and leaves, reducing the amount that enters our storm water systems and creeks, and improving water quality in Lake Oswego. The sweeper can collect as much as 8.4 cubic yards of debris (equivalent to 1,700 gallons of ice cream) with...

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Public Works Surface Water Maintenance crews provide street sweeping to keep streets clean and free of debris. Sweeping improves air quality by removing airborne particles and improves water quality by keeping debris out of storm water lines and creeks.

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[Catch Basins/Drain Inlets](#)

During the leafy season in the Fall, catch basins can become plugged. The City works hard to ensure the basins are cleared and allow stormwater runoff to flow into the catch basins. City Code prohibits placing leaves from private property onto the right-of-way, which can contribute to plugged catch basins.

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Stormwater runoff occurs on dispersed land surfaces including pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs. Runoff picks up pollutants that are then transported down curb and gutters, pipes, and ditches to our streams and Oswego Lake. Improving water quality requires that we are careful about what we allow onto the land surface, either intentionally or unintentionally.

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[Surface Water Interactive Map](#)

Lake Oswego's Interactive Maps allow the user to navigate the map by zooming in and out, search the map by address, tax lot number, or intersection, turn layers on and off, including aerial photography, click on a property or other features to obtain information, use tools to markup and print a map, use measurement tools, change maps to a selection of pre-set layers, and use quick links to...

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[Structural Stormwater Facilities and Controls -Operation and Maintenance](#)

The City of Lake Oswego conducts a variety of activities focused on the prevention of typical stormwater pollutants (sediment, hydrocarbons, trash, debris, nutrients and metals) from entering the M

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[Healthy Watersheds Program](#)

The City's Healthy Watershed's Program is the lead program in the City's efforts to protect water quality. The Healthy Watersheds program also provides technical expertise and guidance to all City departments to ensure implementation and compliance with the NPDES Permit, TMDL Water Quality Management Plans, and other surface water related issues.

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Web Links

[Schwarze.com and A7 Tornado InformationA7 Tornado Product BrochureName the Street Sweeper Contest](#)

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