

Be The Solution to Stormwater Pollution

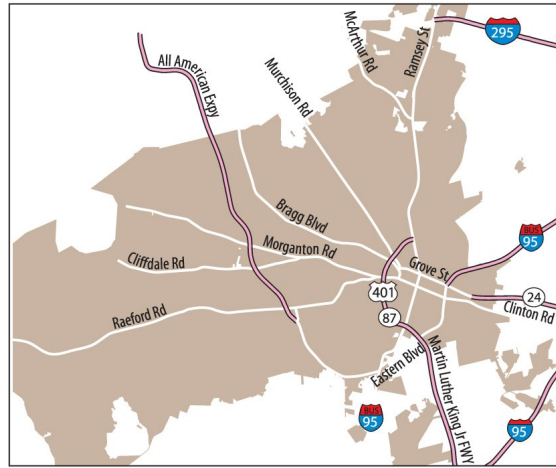
Remember, we can all do our part to protect our environment. Whether it is putting trash in its proper place, or helping our street sweepers out by reducing the amount of pollution on our streets, we all play a part in preventing stormwater pollution. If you would like more information about the Stormwater program, please visit us on the web at www.fayettevillenc.gov/stormwater.

Remember, “When It Rains, It Drains!”



STORMWATER SERVICE AREA

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Street Sweeping Services



Protecting our water quality, one street at a time!

What is Stormwater?

We all know what rain is. As rain falls from the clouds, it provides water to our trees, gardens and flowers. But what happens to the rain that lands on our streets, houses and parking lots? Most of it never has a chance to soak into the ground. Instead, it runs off these hard surfaces and collects in storm inlets (which can be seen along streets with curbs), gutters and ditches.

This is what we call *stormwater*. It is any water from rain that does not soak into the ground. Cities have much more stormwater than farms or parks.

What is Street Sweeping?

Street sweeping is an important pollution prevention function provided in our community. Municipal street sweeping uses a mechanical sweeper to clean streets, intersections, public parking lots, and curb and gutter to remove debris, sand, leaves, dirt and other pollutants to maintain a neat appearance and prevent the accumulation of debris in the storm drainage system.



The City of Fayetteville uses the street sweeping program to reduce the amount of pollutants entering the storm drainage system, thus protecting our streams and rivers from debris such as litter and dirt. The accumulation of pollution in our water ways can degrade water quality and destroy the habitats of our water ways. Anything on our city streets, sidewalks, parking lots or driveways can wash into storm drains and be carried directly to local waterways without treatment.

Street sweeping also removes harmful waste such as metal particulates, engine fluids, and motor oils, which can be harmful to our water ways as well.

Street sweeping is important to removing debris from the streets before rain fall, as debris that blocks the way for water entering the drainage system can cause flooding, which can lead to property damage and quality of life issues.

During a recent fiscal year, over 3800 tons of debris was removed as a result of the City's street sweeping efforts!

Only Rain Down the Drain!

Rainwater often carries street debris (trash, leaves, cigarette butts, grass clippings, pet wastes, vehicle fuels) into storm drains. Also, pesticides, paints, antifreeze and used motor oil can end up in our rivers and streams when people dispose of them improperly. Remember, not only do we get our drinking water from rivers, but we also use our local waterways as a recreation area and a valuable habitat.



Who is Responsible for Street Sweeping?

The City of Fayetteville's Street Maintenance Division is responsible for the sweeping of city streets and some NC DOT roads, to include thoroughfares. Thoroughfares are typically swept at night and approximately 10 times a year. Subdivision and residential streets are swept approximately 5-6 times per year.

How Can You Help the Street Sweeper Keep Your Street Clean and Protect Our Local Water Ways?

If you live or work on a city street, you can take an active role in helping protect our environment by following some easy street sweeping tips:

- Collect and dispose of large trash or debris.
- Keep landscape plants and branches pruned back to allow sweeper full access to curb and gutters.
- Only fill trash cans to height which ensures lid closes completely so that trash is not blown onto street.
- Clear any obstructions on road/gutter in front of property.
- Properly dispose of trash and debris— this includes pet waste.
- Secure vehicle loads.
- Do not pile debris into the street for the sweeper (particularly leaves or other yard waste).

