

Trash Can and Street Sweeping Facts:

- ✓ Street sweepers regularly clean your neighborhood streets of trash, dirt, and leaves as part of El Cajon's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. Keeping litter and debris out of the storm drains, streams and the ocean is the purpose of the city's street sweeping program.
- ✓ The sweepers cannot sweep the streets and gutters if there are trash cans or other objects in the way. You can help us be effective in keeping your neighborhood clean by moving your vehicles and removing trash cans from the curbside or street during the hours your street is swept.
- ✓ The El Cajon Municipal Code requires that trash cans not be placed curbside prior to four p.m. on the day prior to the collection and that they be removed from the curb prior to noon on the day following the collection.
- ✓ Although street sweepers do NOT clean streets that do NOT have curbs and gutters, citizens are encouraged to help keep our streets clean by removing trash, soil and debris.

What You Can Do To Help Sweep Our Streets!

DOs	DON'Ts
DO move your trash can, car, boat or RV to allow cleaning at the curb & gutter.	DON'T place large trash items, i.e. tree branches, wood, tires, etc. in the sweeper path that can damage the sweeper.
DO remove any and all obstructions from the curb and gutter, i.e., cans, bicycles, skateboards, etc. before sweepers arrive.	DON'T sweep litter into the storm drain catch basins and inlets.
DO place all litter/garbage in the proper trash and recycling containers.	DON'T allow your gardener to blow trash & debris from your property into the streets. Instead REQUIRE proper disposal & place in Yard Waste Containers.
DO place garbage cans and recycling containers on the curb, not in the gutter/street.	DON'T place large leaf piles at the curb.
DO tell your neighbors to support street cleaning by observing the DOs and DON'Ts.	

What's New In Street Sweeping, and How Street Sweeping Keeps Our Water Clean

The City has purchased new **Elgin Crosswind Street Sweepers**. The Elgin Crosswind is a regenerative type (vacuum) sweeper and uses an airflow system that recirculates and filters air used to carry debris to the internal hopper. A minimum amount of dust is returned to the environment through a dust suppression system that has been tested and certified to collect and retain particles ten microns in diameter or larger. Ten microns is approximately one-seventh the thickness of a human hair.



The Elgin Crosswind recirculating vacuum sweeper efficiently cleans our City streets and provides two primary benefits to the City. The more obvious benefit is the collection and removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in gutters and on the streets. In addition to being unsightly, this debris can block catch basins and other storm

water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains. An equally important but less visible benefit is the removal of minute metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by cars and trucks. Although they are virtually invisible, these particles can be extremely harmful to fish and other wildlife if they reach creeks, rivers, and eventually the ocean.



Street Cleaning is an integral part of street maintenance and helps the City meet the Clean Water and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System standards set by Federal, State and City laws. Street cleaning is a multi-purpose operation with three primary objectives:

1. Prevent leaves, debris and litter from clogging the storm drain system.
2. Reduce the amount of pollutants that get into storm water runoff and pollute our storm drains, waterways and the ocean.
3. Provide a clean, aesthetically pleasing appearance to City neighborhoods.

The Environmental Protection Agency has named sweeping as one of the "best management practices" to help improve the quality of storm water runoff. The City's new sweepers will help us meet and exceed future EPA regulations.

Street sweeping is an effective method of removing both large and microscopic pollutants that collect on city streets and is paid for through the El Cajon Pollution Prevention Program.

For more information about street cleaning in your neighborhood, call the Public Works Department at (619) 441-1653.