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## Street Sweeping

SPRINGFIELD, OH— (March 6, 2017)— The City of Springfield's annual street sweeping program will begin March 14 in the southeast quadrant and continue in a clockwise direction until all city streets are swept. The city uses an outside vendor for this program and this year contracted with Dayton Sweeping Service, Inc. for a contract amount of \$155,750 paid out of the Stormwater Utility Fund. A complete sweep of the city typically takes about three months and should be complete by June 30.

Parking restrictions are posted a day in advance to notify residents before streets are swept. Only one side of the street is swept per day, allowing residents to park cars on the opposite side of the street. Inclement weather can postpone street sweeping, making it necessary for parking restrictions to be reposted.

In addition to contracted sweeping, city crews operate two street sweepers throughout the year. They are primarily used on highly traveled streets where litter and pollution are the highest and parking restrictions are not necessary. They are also used to clean streets before and after large community events such as the Memorial Day Parade, CultureFest, and Holiday in the City.

In total, more than 640 tons of debris was removed from city streets in 2016.

In addition to making our community look better, street sweeping is necessary to comply with Ohio EPA permit requirements.

Many residents are unaware of the threat stormwater pollution poses to local streams. Not all storm drains flow to the wastewater plant for treatment. In fact, many storm drains are connected to waterways, so whatever ends up in storm drains could flow to our local streams.

During dry weather, pollutants such as motor oil, antifreeze, trash, and lawn and garden products accumulate on streets, parking lots, and yards. When it rains, the rainwater washes these pollutants into the storm drains.

For more information regarding the street sweeping schedule or general street maintenance, please call the Service Department at (937) 525-5800.