



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Valerie Lough

P: 937.324.7300

E: [vlough@springfieldohio.gov](mailto:vlough@springfieldohio.gov)

### **Springfield Street Sweeping Starts March 20**

SPRINGFIELD, OH (March 12, 2018) — The City of Springfield’s annual street sweeping program begins Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The city uses an outside vendor for this program and this year contracted with Dayton Sweeping Service, Inc. for a contract amount of \$158,086. A complete sweep of the city typically takes about three months and should be complete by July.

Only one side of the street is swept per day, allowing residents to park cars on the opposite side of the street. “No Parking” signs will be posted on alternate sides of streets one day prior to the sweeping of streets, and illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed. The cooperation of residents in moving their vehicles so sweepers can do a complete job of sweeping will be appreciated.

Residents are advised that there will be multiple sweepers or sweeping passes on the day posted. Inclement weather can postpone street sweeping, making it necessary for parking restrictions to be reposted. Sweeping will begin in the southwest quadrant of the City and progress counter-clockwise by quadrants until the cycle is completed. One complete sweep of all streets will be done during 2018.

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, this program removes more than 600 tons of debris from city streets in a given year.

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.