



Getting the most out of our Sweeping Program

Our community has hired a professional street sweeping company with decades of experience, however, as residents we have a significant impact on the results that are achievable.

Thankfully,

»» the steps are simple and easy.



1st Step

A sweeper needs dry gutters to do a good job. Take a look at the sidewalk core in front of your home. Is it dry? More importantly, is it dry on sweep day and the day before?

Look to see if your landscape drains contribute to the gutter's water on sweep day. Because water flows downhill, your water may affect several downstream neighbors.

When sweepers dig the muck out of the gutter, they toss it on the street, where it sits for a few seconds before being sucked up into the truck. When wet, it leaves a stain that can't be removed by additional passes or going slower. Making sure the gutters are dry prevents this from happening.

Most of the time, eliminating the water from your home is as simple as adjusting the landscape water timer to not water on sweep day or the day before. (Water all you want the other five days). This includes backyards as this is often where the water in the sidewalk core comes from.



Some water comes from lawns.



Most gutter water comes from cored sidewalk holes.



The up-stream source is often easy to spot.

Other sources of water can be an automatic pool fill that needs adjusting or an air conditioner that drains to the street. Remember that the water may be flowing to the gutter at night or when you are not home.

When you walk in the neighborhood it is pretty easy to spot which homes are causing the downstream street staining. Feel free to pass this information on in person or anonymously.

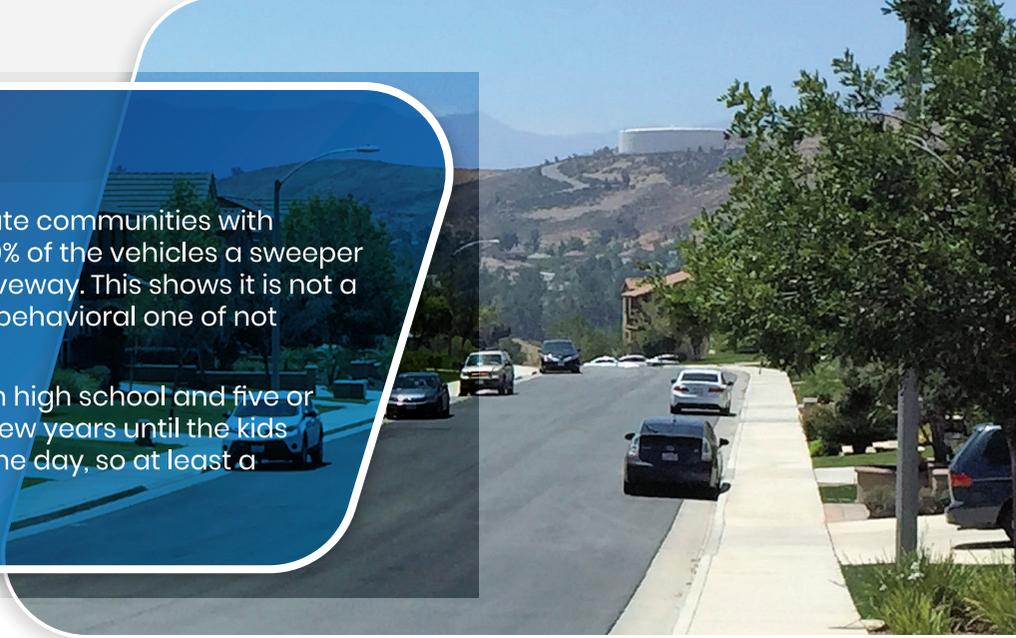


Irrigation timer instructions and manuals are online and on YouTube, or let your landscaper know this is a priority.

2nd Step

Removing parked cars always helps. In private communities with two-car garages and two-car driveways, 90% of the vehicles a sweeper goes around have an empty spot on the driveway. This shows it is not a structural issue of insufficient parking but a behavioral one of not remembering or not caring.

Of course, we all know families with 3+ kids in high school and five or more family cars. This is a minor issue for a few years until the kids move out. The sweeper also comes during the day, so at least a few are at school or work.



The house cleaner, pool service, pest control service, babysitter, or landscaper can add several cars per block, and typically will never park in the driveway.

If they service your property on sweep day, consider letting them know the driveway is a great place to park.

3rd Step

Sweepers are about 10 feet tall. Are there trees or shrubs keeping them from getting all the gutter? It should be obvious what the sweeper is going around. If it is a community or common area plant, contact the community manager. If it is your private tree, consider trimming it.

However, think long-term to not miss-shape the tree. The tree may eventually grow above the sweeper, and we all want a beautiful, well-shaped tree. Missing a few feet of curb for a few years is no problem compared to a tree that may live 50 years.



Peloton Street Sweeper

Thanks for your help. Small efforts can make a big difference!

Our community's curb appeal starts at the Curb!



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