



Sweeping

Annual sweeping is completed for many reasons. When applicable, the urban area, as well as parts of its surroundings, adheres to the air stagnation zone that is subject to state and federal air and water quality standards. Sweeping helps pick up winter sanding material and other dirt/gravel that is tracked onto roads from everyday use. In order to prevent those particles from becoming airborne and negatively affecting air quality, or from entering storm water drainage systems that would affect water quality, we sweep. Sweeping material off of the road also prevents accumulation on the edges where it can trap moisture. When moisture is trapped on the edge of the road, subgrade materials become saturated and will eventually lead to travel surface failures.