

NO BUTTS ABOUT IT !

When cigarette butts are discarded on sidewalks, parking lots or driveways they travel untreated via storm water drains into our local creeks, rivers and the Delta. Cigarette butts contain toxins which can contaminate our drinking water, pollute our favorite recreation areas and harm valuable natural habitat. No butts about it, cigarette butts must be safely disposed of in an ash/trash receptacle or your vehicle's ashtray - never on a public street.

ENSURE WASTE WISE/LITTER FREE EVENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Make your get together with family, friends and community members a "waste wise/litter free" program:

- Ensure there are large trash and recycling receptacles near food vendors, eating areas, restrooms and exit points
- Provide litterbags and portable/pocket ashtrays at the entrances
- Empty trash bins regularly throughout the event before they become full or overflowing
- Assign volunteers to provide clean-up services after the event before leaving the park or area

Your litter can unintentionally travel to streets and gutters making it difficult, and often impossible, for the street sweeper to collect.

Street sweeping provides a clean appearance throughout neighborhoods which is important for the community. Street sweeping in the downtown, industrial and other commercial areas provides a pleasant appearance which helps attract shoppers, new business and retains current business.

HOW DO I FIND OUT WHEN THE STREET SWEEPER COMES TO MY STREET?

Residents can count on the street sweeper coming to their street on the same day(s) each month. For a full alphabetical listing of streets in Antioch, Bay Point and Pittsburg (including maps by specific zones), go to www.deltadiablo.org or call (925) 756-1900.



In this image the street sweeper is trying to safely navigate around vehicles. More than half the gutters are not able to be cleaned due to the inability of the mechanical broom equipment to have complete access to the gutters.

GOT QUESTIONS OR HAVE FEEDBACK?

Delta Diablo welcomes all feedback on street sweeping services in Antioch, Bay Point and Pittsburg. It is helpful if residents contact us on the same day the sweeper comes to their area so we can compliment your driver or look for indicators which help ascertain if there were any impediments on your street which could have made it difficult for the street sweeper to fully access your gutters. Some street sweeping vehicles have GPS capabilities which allow us to research specific service in your area. Our direct contact details:

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ANTIOCH, BAY POINT & PITTSBURG STREET SWEEPING SERVICES — PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STREET SWEEPING?

Delta Diablo provides wastewater services and a range of pollution prevention activities for nearly 200,000 residents and businesses in Antioch, Bay Point, and Pittsburg. Street sweeping services is one of those activities, and is delivered through external service providers: Contract Sweeping Services in Antioch, Bay Point; and the City of Pittsburg (Department of Public Works) in Pittsburg.

WHY IS STREET SWEEPING IMPORTANT?

Street sweeping is an important pollution prevention function provided in our communities. It is required under State and Federal regulations related to the Clean Water Act. State stormwater regulations also require street sweeping as a component of our agency's wastewater service programs.

One of the best ways to prevent pollutants from entering local waterways is to remove them from streets before wind, rain, and water carry them into the storm drain. Anything on streets, sidewalks, parking lots or driveways can wash into storm drains and is carried directly to local waterways and Delta without treatment.



Sweeping is particularly important during the winter months when we often experience our most heavy rainfall which can result in debris blocking storm water facilities and causing local flooding. Equally important, but often less visible, is the safe removal of hazardous waste, such as metal particles, engine fluids and motor oils, which are left by our vehicles every day and extremely harmful to our drinking water, fish and wildlife in our local waterways.



ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Rainwater often carries street debris (trash, leaves, cigarette butts, grass clippings, pet wastes, vehicle fuels) into storm drains. Also pesticides, paints, antifreeze and used motor oil can end up in our river when people dispose of them improperly. Remember, not only do we get our drinking water from rivers, but we also use our local waterways as a recreation area and a valuable natural habitat.

WHAT CAN'T THE MECHANICAL STREET SWEEPER PICK UP?

Mechanical street sweepers are intended to pick up general debris and not large items. We ask residents to help us by monitoring in front of their homes between sweeps and pick up anything larger than 10 inches in size.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE STREET SWEEPER KEEP YOUR STREET CLEAN AND PROTECT OUR LOCAL WATERWAYS?

If you live or work on a city street, you can take an active role in helping protect our environment by following some easy street sweeping tips:

- Move cars on your designated day
- Collect trash or debris which is larger than approximately 10 inches as it is often difficult for sweeper to collect
- Keep landscape plants and branches pruned back to allow sweeper full access to gutters
- Remove weeds in gutters as they can collect debris
- If motor oil is present, use an absorbent directly on oil (kitty litter or products you can purchase from local auto store) and then use brush and pan to collect for disposal in trash
- Only fill trashcans to height which ensures lid closes completely so that trash is not blown onto street
- Clear any obstructions on road / gutter in front of property – such as freestanding basketball hoops or wood planks used to access property
- Properly dispose of trash and debris – litter travels – this includes pet waste
- Secure your vehicle loads and clean out bed of pick-up trucks
- Do not pile debris into the street for sweeper (particularly leaves or other garden waste).

