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# City of San Diego Taking Additional Steps to Clean Streets and Sidewalks

## ENHANCED DOWNTOWN STREET SWEEPING AND CITYWIDE HOT SPOT LITTER REMOVAL NOW OCCURRING

SAN DIEGO – Working to create a cleaner city for all, the City of San Diego is taking additional steps to address quality-of-life concerns such as litter that degrade San Diego neighborhoods.

As of last week, crews from the City’s Environmental Services and Stormwater departments have launched a concerted effort to remove more trash and debris from public rights of way and prevent the trash from washing into storm drains and into the ocean.

**"San Diegans want and deserve clean and safe neighborhoods, and the City is stepping up to provide an enhanced level of service,"** Mayor Todd Gloria said. **"I have directed City departments to collaborate more closely to clean up areas that are experiencing disproportionate impacts of discarded garbage accumulating on sidewalks and in gutters."**

### **Enhanced Street Sweeping**

In portions of East Village, the Stormwater Department is deploying temporary no-parking signage 48 hours in advance of the scheduled street-sweeping day to maximize the efficiency of the street sweepers. When vehicles are not moved, the street sweeper cannot reach the curb and gutter, where most trash and debris collect. Residents can help the City clear trash by moving their vehicles in advance of designated street-sweeping times.

Residents can look at the City’s [interactive street sweeping map](#) to find out when it will occur in their neighborhood.

### **Citywide Hot Spot Litter Removal**

The City’s Environmental Services Department will be dispatching enhanced hot spot crews to remove waste and large litter from the public right-of-way in areas most heavily affected by waste discarded by unsheltered residents.

Code compliance officers will direct the work of a clean-up crew throughout neighborhoods to address known and discovered hot spots that pose a public health or environmental concern.

Hot spot crews may be working around and directly adjacent to homeless encampments; however, these crews will NOT assist or conduct encampment abatements or directly address active or inactive encampments. Encampments are addressed by separate ESD crews and outreach workers.

The enhancements to street sweeping and waste removal aim to improve the quality of life for communities citywide and reduce potential environmental impacts. The efforts are being piloted temporarily and will be evaluated for efficacy in the coming months.

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