

MECHANICAL STREET CLEANING PROGRAM INFORMATION

APRIL 6 THROUGH OCTOBER 29, 2026

The **Mechanical Street Cleaning Program** is part of the City of Philadelphia's commitment to reduce trash and litter conditions in the City's most vulnerable communities. Mechanical street cleaning is an effective tool in reducing litter from city streets and preventing trash and debris from entering the water systems.

Aligning with Mayor Parker's approach to addressing quality-of-life issues, the Sanitation Department continues to provide mechanical cleaning in 14 neighborhoods identified through the Litter Index as having the highest concentration of litter. These areas have been identified as requiring additional city services to supplement cleaning efforts in the area.

Effective April 6, 2026, the Mechanical Street Cleaning Program will launch in the following residential areas:

Frankford: Levick to Bridge from Frankford to Keystone / Bridge to Orthodox from Griscom to Torresdale / Orthodox to Castor from Castor to Torresdale

Germantown: Berkley/Stenton to Cheltenham from Pulaski to Wakefield

Kensington: Front to Castor from Wyoming to Tioga / Tioga to Lehigh from 2nd to Kensington

Logan: Roosevelt Blvd. to Godfrey from Broad to Mascher and Roosevelt Blvd. to Glenwood from Broad to Front

Nicetown: Broad to 20th from Lindley/Logan to Wagner and Broad to Clarissa from Windrim to Hunting Park and Broad to Hunting Park from Hunting Park to Westmoreland

North Central: Broad St. to 22nd St. from Allegheny to Girard

Paschall: 58th to 62nd from Grays to Lindbergh and 62nd to 70th from Cobbs Creek to Dicks

Point Breeze: Christian to McKean from Broad to 24th

Port Richmond: Lehigh to Torresdale from Kensington to Aramingo

South Philly: McKean to Oregon from 4th to 8th

Southwest: Woodland to Kingsessing from 49th to Cemetery and 58th to 61st from Cobbs Creek to Chester

Strawberry Mansion: Lehigh to Girard from 33rd to 22nd and 22nd to 29th from Allegheny to Lehigh

West Fairhill: Broad to 2nd from Glenwood to Lehigh and Broad to Front from Lehigh to Girard

West Philly: Parkside to Woodland from 52nd to 40th

The program runs through October 29 to coincide with warmer-weathered months.

Some streets in each area will have sidewalk cleaning maintenance along with mechanical broom cleaning weekly.

To facilitate a more detailed cleaning, residents on select streets will be required to move their vehicles. Residents on those streets may notice no parking signs installed and are required to adhere to the posted timeframes beginning the **week of April 6** to avoid enforcement measures.

Mechanical Street Cleaning in Philadelphia operates annually on select routes. Residents should follow posted "no parking" signs to allow the mechanical broom to clean the roadways from curb to curb at the scheduled time.

Authorized Philadelphia ticketing agencies will issue warnings on vehicles parked on the roadway during specified no parking times during the first month of the program. **On or after April 13, posted "no parking" signs will be enforced with assessed fines.**

Mechanical sweeping will take place Monday through Thursday, except holidays, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. No service will be performed on City-observed holidays. Crews will resume cleaning the following week.

Cleaning times on streets are staggered and/or occur on alternate days to minimize inconvenience to residents. Alternate street parking intervals occur between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The following is the sequence of the mechanical cleaning pilot in each area:

- Sanitation Department laborers equipped with backpack blowers and hand brooms will clean some pilot routes.
- Mechanical brooms will follow cleaning crews once debris is blown off sidewalks and curb lines.
- To ensure cleaning is maintained, SWEEP Officers will patrol neighborhoods to address Sanitation code violations related to litter and dumping.

The Mechanical Street Cleaning Program is a partnership between the Sanitation Department and the residents of Philadelphia:

The City will provide resources to:

- Mechanically Clean Streets Weekly
- Remove litter and debris from sidewalks
- Collect illegally dumped material

Residents in the identified area are asked to:

- Follow posted "no parking" signs
- Place trash and recycling collections out on designated day at authorized location between 7p.m. the day before and 7a.m. on trash day
- Place trash and recycling collections out in proper containers / bags to prevent spillage
- Only set household trash for pick up.
- Sweep sidewalks and gather debris. Do not sweep into the street
- Visit **StreetSmartPhl.phila.gov** to follow the broom. Click on the **SweepPHL** platform.



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