



## **Town of Foxborough DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM**



Of the many challenges the Department of Public Works faces in the spring and fall, sweeping our Town's streets is one of the most important.

### **Street Sweeping Operations:**

At the completion of the Town's snow and ice operations and again before winter hits, the Department of Public Works' (DPW) transitions into the cleanup of the Town's streets. Sweeping of our streets is one of the DPW's major tasks in the spring & fall which includes the pickup of not only the sand used during the winter, but also leaves, pine needles, and trash that has collected on the street over the last year. Street sweeping also helps prevent roadway flooding by cleaning catch basins.

To accomplish this task, a street sweeper will be used to clean approximately 200+ lane miles of roadways. Additional pieces of equipment used during sweeping operations include front-end loaders, blowers and dump trucks. The street sweepers are dispatched on a nightly basis. The Town is currently required to sweep every road at least twice per year. In order to accomplish in a timely manner, we utilize 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift hours.

Residents and business owners should be aware that there are two predominant factors which adversely affect the sweeping schedule; equipment breakdowns and the weather. Street sweepers operate in the worst possible conditions (i.e. constant dust) and, even with proper maintenance and constant attention, equipment down-time due to mechanical problems is inevitable. Additionally, while sweeping can be done during a light, misting rain, the sweepers cannot handle wet, muddy sand. Please be patient. We will get to your neighborhood as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this work.

**Sidewalks:** The DPW also works to clean sidewalks after the winter throughout Town. This may mean the additional equipment listed above is used in front of the street sweeper.

**Comments and Questions:** For further information you may contact Chris Gallagher, Town Engineer at (508) 543-1228 or email at [cgallagher@foxboroughma.gov](mailto:cgallagher@foxboroughma.gov).