



## Townsend Highway Department

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### Street Sweeping

#### Description

The Town of Townsend has implemented the following street sweeping operating procedures to reduce the discharge of pollutants from entering stormwater sewer systems and to meet the requirements of the MS4:

- All streets with curbing or catch basins shall be swept a minimum of once per year.
- More frequent sweeping will be considered for targeted areas based on pollutant load reduction potential, inspections, pollutant loads, catch basin cleaning, land use, impaired waters or other factors.
- For rural uncurbed roadways with no catch basins and limited access, the Town of Townsend will either meet the minimum frequencies above or develop and implement an inspection and within 2 years and submit such plan with its your one annual report.
- The following information will be included in each annual report:
  - Number of miles cleaned or volume of material removed.

#### Roadway Power Sweeping Standard Operating Procedure/SOP

The Town of Townsend's SOP on road power sweeping is as follows:

- If necessary, notify residents and businesses of catch basin cleaning if parking restrictions are needed.
- Sweeping is to start in late April or May depending on the winter and spring weather conditions.
- Instructions for sweeping include:
  - Roads are to be swept to the edge of pavement or to existing curbing where such is in place.
  - Avoid pushing materials into or around storm drains and catch basins
  - The majority of all street sweeping occurs during normal working hours.
  - Collected sediment to be kept at the Townsend Highway Department and protected from runoff.
  - Solid sweeping debris will be disposed of by TBD.
  - All debris are tracked by load and estimated by number of yards collected.
- Records are kept at the Highway Department located at 177 Main Street Townsend MA 01469
- Tonnage of solid debris removed and number of miles swept are recorded annually.
- A map of town roads can be found at Town Hall or Highway Department.
- All sweeping SOP will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

