

# Sweeping vs. Spraying



Having clean driveways and sidewalks is important to most homeowners. Many people use the hose to wash the dirt and grime from their driveway, but this may not be wise. Hosing off the driveway can cause dirt, grass clippings, oil and other automotive fluids, fertilizers, pesticides and a host of other pollutants to be discharged into the street. This can eventually lead to high level of toxic chemicals in storm water runoff.

Please sweep driveways and sidewalks. Your lawn is a great filter for toxic chemicals. Sweeping saves water for more important uses.

Sweeping out gutters is important as well. Springville City employs a street sweeper to help keep gutters clean; however, due to limited resources, sweepers can only sweep streets twice a year in most cases. Plus there are some places that the street sweeper just can't reach.

Please sweep out your gutters regularly. This will help to keep our rivers and lakes cleaner.

