

Peel Region's spring cleaning of streets starts Monday for Earth Day

Peel Region will begin the annual spring street cleaning April 22 and finish around end of June.

Work in Caledon and north Brampton will be completed during daytime hours.

Street cleaning of Regional roads improves road and community safety by removing hazardous debris like needles, nails and scrap metals, as well as harmful materials to the environment like oil, salt and heavy metals. A clean road with less dirt and sand improves traction and reduces flying debris on windy days.

Residents and businesses should be aware that night time work on south Brampton and Mississauga will take place from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. weeknights, while daytime work will take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Lanes will be closed one at a time, so motorists should anticipate merging traffic. Drivers should stay clear of street sweepers and use extra caution at intersections where sweepers may be weaving around islands.

A schedule of when specific streets will be cleaned is available online at peelregion.ca/roadmaintenance

Work will include cleaning all splash pads, curbs, islands and centre medians. The first phase will involve removing all debris from streets where large pieces are picked up by hand. Street sweepers will sweep dirt and grime into the curb side. The second phase begins one or two weeks later, using street sweeper vehicles and flusher trucks to sweep and wash, removing the dirt and grime from the road. Due to the large volume of water used, work will not occur when temperatures are below freezing.

Spring cleaning of streets is just the beginning of the Region's annually scheduled maintenance activities. This activity also prepares the road surface for re-painting lane markings, which will start in May and proceed for approximately three months. Other post-winter activities in April or starting in May include the removal of road-side litter, minor boulevard repairs, straightening of road signs, safety barrier repairs and grass cutting on boulevards.