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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE TOOL THAT ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO TRACK  
STREET SWEEPERS**

*The new technology to kick off the start of street sweeping season April 1*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced a new online tool that allows residents to track the Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS) street sweepers in real time. The new [Sweeper Tracker App](#) includes the upcoming season's neighborhood cleaning schedules, which begin April 1.

"Chicago is home to 77 great neighborhoods, and we are ensuring the reliable services Chicagoans deserve always meet high standards and never fall behind," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Giving every Chicagoan the chance to track services in real time is part of our commitment to making city government more transparent, effective and responsive to the requests of every resident of our great city."

Beginning Monday, DSS street sweepers will be working to clear litter and debris that has accumulated during winter months from residential and arterial streets across the City. Residents can view these efforts by visiting [www.cityofchicago.org/sweepertracker](http://www.cityofchicago.org/sweepertracker). The technology builds off the success of the City's Plow tracker, which is activated during snow events to show the fleet of salt spreaders in real time.

"Street Sweeping is an essential part of our work to keep neighborhoods clean," said Commissioner John Tully, DSS. "Each day of the season, sweepers are working curb-to-curb to clear debris and leaves throughout the City."

Residents are reminded to check for bright orange signs announcing temporary parking restrictions during street sweeping season. Parking restrictions are posted the day before sweeping is scheduled and are in place to ensure curb-to-curb cleaning in neighborhoods.

Some streets also have permanently posted signs that specify a once-per-week period when parking is prohibited for street sweeping during the season.

The streets sweeping season runs April through November, but milder conditions allowed DSS to continue cleaning along curb lanes on residential and arterial streets, viaducts and alleys during winter months.

Since November, DSS has swept a total of 8,764 additional miles through the end of February 2018.

In 2017, DSS crews swept 248,475 miles of curb lanes on residential and arterial streets and 4,987 alleys compared to 231,029 miles along residential and arterial streets and 3,855 alleys in the 2016 season.

For more information, or to view the 2018 street sweeping schedule, visit [www.cityofchicago.org/dss](http://www.cityofchicago.org/dss). Residents can also call 311 or check [Sweeper Tracker](#) to find the dates and locations of street sweeping in their area.

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