

Street Staining in the “Good Old Days”

Many top neighborhoods have the common problem of a few residents watering on the wrong days. The water flows down the gutter for several blocks creating a slippery & smelly mess.



The street sweepers steel gutter broom digs out the muck and throws it on the street in front of the pick-up head or main broom.

When the stain dries it can look even worse. Unfortunately you could sweep this street all day and the “stain” will always be there.



The best method is to not allow staining to happen at all by adjusting water timers to not water on sweep day or the day before. Residents are welcome to water as much as they wish the other five days per week.

Most landscapers will tell you deep soaking several times per week makes a better lawn than daily watering. Multiple watering times can reduce or eliminate wasted runoff.

Second choice use to be street flushing. Coordinated with sweeping, flushing left a communities streets as clean as after a spring rain.

Unfortunately, urban runoff regulations now prohibit flushing in most areas. Even after sweepers remove the debris.



A good sweeper will pick up all the loose material, however the wet debris sitting on the street for even a few seconds leave the familiar stain.



Residents can wait for a nice rain to flush the stain away. Get out the garden hose or not let the stain happen at all by adjusting water timers.

Talk to your neighbors and landscapers.



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