

## Streets Division

The three primary responsibilities for the Street Department are streets, sidewalks, and storm drains. The department is supervised by a Street Superintendent, who is assisted by two supervisors and two program coordinators. During fair weather seasons, one concrete crew and one blacktop crew spend much of their time doing spot repairs to curbs, walks, and road surfaces. Smaller crews attend to street sweeping, storm drain cleaning, mowing, sign and pavement marking maintenance, and incidental roadside cleanup. The most visible fair weather activities of the Street Department are the annual Spring Cleanup and Fall Leaf Pickup programs.

During winter months, all but emergency blacktop and concrete work ceases, and most of the department is focused on snow and ice control. The basic winter fleet includes fifteen large plow trucks, seven of which are also fitted with boxes and spreaders for applying salt or sand/salt mixtures. Frequently, as snow accumulation warrants, snow is trucked out of downtown parking lots, where space is limited; three front-end loaders are available to load snow. Holland is unique in providing sidewalk plowing, using five small all-purpose tractors. During other seasons, the plows can be easily removed and the same tractors outfitted with mowers or sidewalk brooms.

Funding to support the work of the department is derived primarily from Michigan gasoline taxes, a portion of which is returned to local street maintenance agencies under a specific formula.

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