



POLICY MEMO NO. 3 – WAIVER OF FIRST FLUSH

DSPM SECTION 4-1.203 B WAIVER OF FIRST FLUSH

Generally, there is no waiver for stormwater storage volume required to hold runoff from the first one-half inch of precipitation. However, the owner may provide a smaller basin and/or alternative stormwater controls, to the satisfaction of the Stormwater Quality Coordinator.

EXPLANATION:

This procedure memorandum clarifies that for streets classified by the Transportation and Streets department as Arterial or Collector, the current City’s Street Sweeping program satisfies the conditions for a waiver of first flush requirements. Therefore, Arterial and Collector Street construction projects are exempt from first flush requirements.

Street Operations is responsible for street and multi-use path sweeping as well as MS4 cleaning and maintenance. Sweeping is performed according to the frequencies in Table 4-3 Sweeping Schedule below. This table is reported in the [2022 Stormwater Management Plan](#). Streets and bike paths are swept at least monthly, while major streets and high traffic areas are swept more frequently. Streets and multi-use paths are swept after rain events as needed to remove storm debris.

Table 4-3: Sweeping Schedule

Activity Performed	Frequency
Street sweeping	Residential, Commercial, & Industrial – once per month
	Major Streets – twice per month
	Medians – once per month
	Downtown streets – twice per week
Multi-use path sweeping	Monthly
Post-storm sweeping	As needed
Lot sweeping	