

It's a different kind of spring



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I'm hoping each of you are staying healthy, taking steps for the well-being of you and your family, and finding reasons for optimism during these challenging times. There are many things that are different this spring compared to other years as COVID-19 has affected our lives in so many ways.

Through these times, many important city services are continuing. The City initiated its annual spring cleanup operation on April 21, starting with main streets and those of higher priority then moving into residential areas.

This year, the City has developed a new spring cleanup website that features a new residential street spring cleanup progress map (www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/springcleanup/default.stm). This map shows which streets are scheduled for cleaning 24 to 72 hours in advance.

The City also updated the Know Your Zone

app (the update is available for free in the Apple App Store and the Google Play App Store). I know many of you already use this app to see when your residential street is scheduled to be plowed in the winter, and this update allows you to receive notifications about when your residential street is scheduled for sweeping in the spring. Please note that you must update the app to the current version for your device, and enter your street address into your favourites list to receive the spring cleanup notifications. If, for some reason, your street is missed this year, please call 311 or email 311@winnipeg.ca with your concern.

I also wanted to remind all residents that parking restrictions for spring cleanup areas will be enforced. The City is also asking residents not to rake yard waste or other debris onto the streets, because this can plug drains and cause ponding as well as an increased risk of basement flooding. The City started collecting yard waste this week and the collection schedule can be found here: winnipeg.ca/collectioncalendar

Libraries are closed at this time but you can visit the digital library online (<https://>



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The City of Winnipeg's spring street cleanup operation is well under way.

guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/closure/home).

Here you can find ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, emagazines, newspapers, and resources for all ages. If you have a library card you can use it and there are also registration forms for temporary membership cards to access these online library

resources.

If there's any way my office can help you during these unprecedented times, please feel free to contact us by email at devi@winnipeg.ca or by phone at 204-986-5264.

Stay safe, healthy, and well!