

PUBLIC WORKS

AT WORK

Check out what your local Wenatchee Public Works Department is up to.



“When you leave a beautiful place, you carry it with you wherever you go.”
—Alexandra Stoddard

With Apple Blossom starting this week you may have noticed that the City streets had a certain “glow” to them. Some might think it is elves or gnomes out beautifying our streets at night, but actually it is your wonderful and dedicated City Street Department. Each night they work from 7:00pm to 5:30am to make the street shine in time for Apple Blossom. Keep reading to learn more what your Street Department does at night each spring.

During the winter months our gravel alleys always take a beating. Your City Street crews grade and/or patched the alleys and prepared them for a new dust control product that will be applied in June. This product is environmentally friendly and made of sucrose and plant fiber that binds the soil particles together to make lasting dust mitigation possible.



Picture 1: Alley Grading



Picture 2: Long Line Painting

In addition to working on the alleys, your Street Department provides regular street sweeping around the City. This street sweeping in the spring is the largest of the year as they remove the accumulation of winter debris including sand that was used during snow and ice events. During the spring they sweep up approximately 1,000 cubic yards of debris from our City streets (that’s about 10 dump truck loads of sand).

After the streets are swept and washed, it’s time to freshen them with new paint. Each night the Street Department crew repaints all the crosswalk bars, traffic flow indicators, lane extensions, curbs, bike lanes, and any other roadway markings. The size and volume of painting is impressive:

- Over 700 gallons of white and 500 gallons of yellow traffic paint is used.
- 120 miles of long line (centerlines, fog lines, etc.) is repainted
- Over 1,000 roadway and sidewalk markings are repainted.
- All the parking stalls in the downtown core received a new coat of paint as well

To get ready for Apple Blossom the crews also install 70 Apple Blossom banners in the downtown core.

If you see someone from the Street Department, give them a wave and a thank you for all the work they do to make our City shine each spring.

Thank you for reading and if you have any questions about this project or other work the City of Wenatchee Public Works Department is up to please visit our website at www.wenatcheewa.gov or call us at (509) 888-3200.



Picture 3: Wenatchee Apples painted on some intersections.



Picture 4: Dumping Street Sweeping Debris



Picture 5: Crosswalk painting



Picture 6: Updated Street Signs