



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
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October 16, 2025	Phone: 779.348.7300

HYDRANT FLUSHING PROJECT UPDATE:

Week of October 19, 2025

ROCKFORD – The following is an update of the current City of Rockford Unidirectional Flushing Program for the 2025 flushing season.

UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM:

Water Superintendent: Jamie Rott 779.348.7654

Assistant Superintendent: Mike Norris 779.348.7359

Operations Supervisor: Justin Christman 779.348.7025

Unidirectional Flushing Boundaries:

North – Guilford Road

South – Newburg Road

East – City Limits

West – Alpine Road

Project Update:

The Public Works Department releases the following information on the flushing operation from 10/12/25 to 10/18/25:

Residential Streets Flushed:

Brixham Road

Tulip Lane

Centennial Trail

Shiloh Road

Tivoli Court

Garrett Lane

Bienterra Trail

Featherstone Road

Sandra Lane

Projected Flushing Locations:

During the week of 10/19/25 to 10/25/25, the following streets are scheduled to be flushed:

Laurel Cherry Drive
Eastlawn Drive
Carol Court

S. Trainer Road
Turner Street
David Drive

Brookhill Close
Roxbury Road
Javelin Drive

WATER QUALITY CONTACTS:

Water Quality Group:

779.348.7151

If discolored water occurs, it is not a health hazard. However, during any flushing procedures, iron (red water) and manganese (black water) may become stirred up within the water main, which can create staining on the porcelain and laundry. This work may result in the disturbance of sediment, possibly containing lead. It is advised that you flush your water lines for 1 – 2 minutes once work is completed in your area including removing and cleaning faucet aerator screens to remove sediment. For this reason it is vital that the public be aware of the time and area that will be affected. If there are any Water Quality questions, please contact water quality at the number listed.

For a detailed map of hydrant flushing locations and when staff will be working in specific neighborhoods, please visit the City's web site at:

[Hydrant Flushing | Rockford, IL \(rockfordil.gov\)](http://Hydrant%20Flushing%20Rockford%2C%20IL%20(rockfordil.gov))

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11th STREET RECONSTRUCTION **HARRISON TO BROADWAY**

Road work is continuing on the portion of 11th street from Harrison Avenue to Columbia Avenue and will be closed to traffic (please see attached map). This closure is needed to finish water main installation and the reconstruction of the roadway within these limits. Two-way traffic remains in place from Columbia Avenue north to Broadway. Access to businesses within the closed portion of this project remains accessible to traffic getting to these destinations.

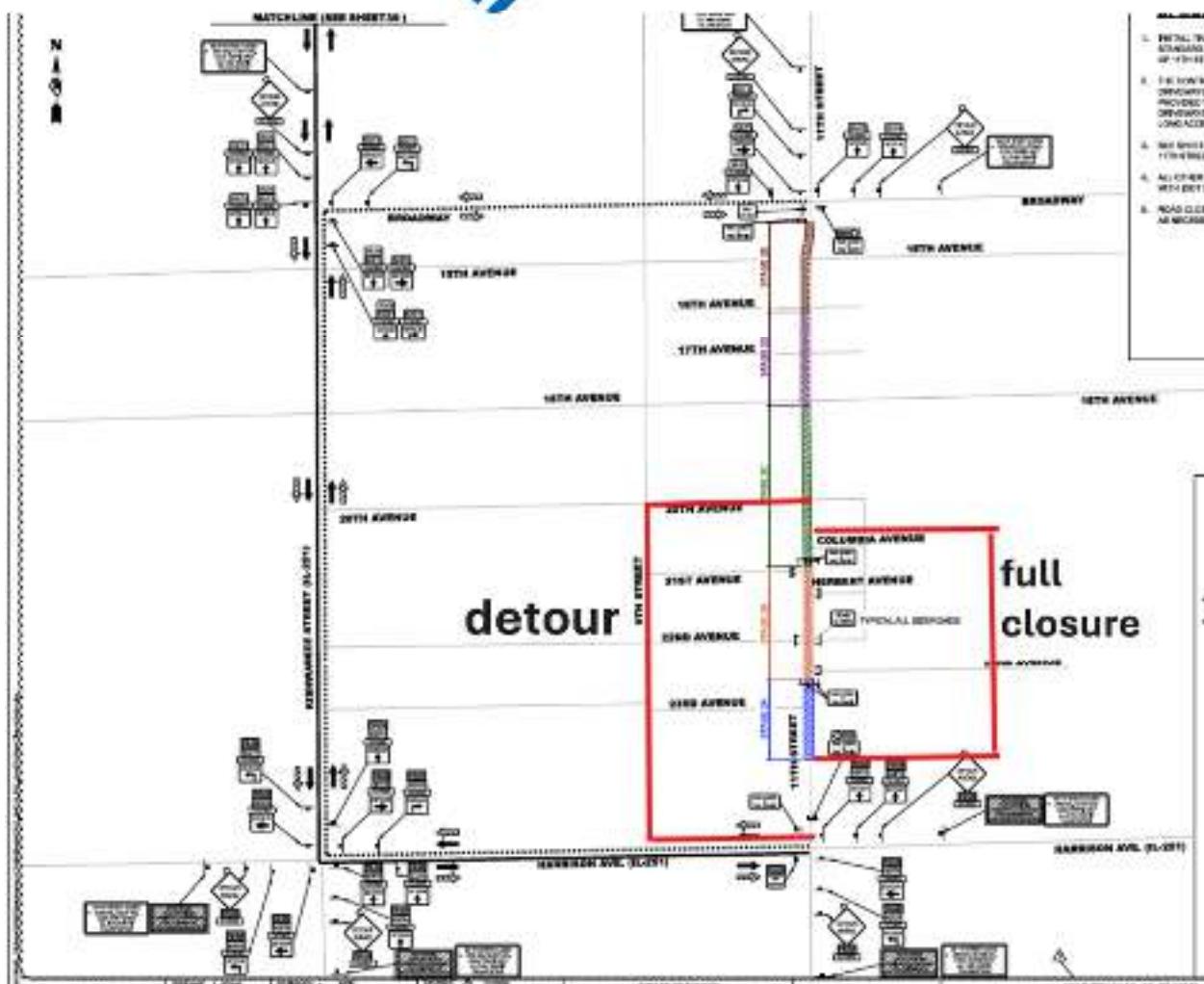
All appropriate traffic control measures and marked detour routes are in place to help safely guide traffic around the construction. Please be aware of all construction traffic and workers throughout the construction zone. There will be side road daily closures at intersections while work is being done.

Access for residents, businesses, mail services, deliveries, trash pickup, and emergency vehicles will be maintained during construction.

This project consists of roadway removal and replacement, driveway approach removal and replacement, new sidewalk and multi-use path, curb and gutter removal and replacement, storm sewer upgrades, water main and water service replacement, sanitary sewer improvements, and traffic signal upgrades.

All work is dependent on the proper weather conditions. Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving near the work area.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Rick Rundblade, Project Manager, at (779) 348-7642.



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MADISON STREET RECONSTRUCTION **E. STATE STREET TO LAFAYETTE AVENUE**

The Madison Street Reconstruction Phase 1 is ongoing. Madison Street from E. State Street to Lafayette is closed to traffic as sidewalk, entrances and bike multi-use path work is getting done. Access to the parking lot behind CJ's Public house is accessible from Madison Street as well as from the alley between E. State and Market Street. Please use caution will walking to businesses within the construction limits as work is still ongoing.

All appropriate traffic control measures and marked detour routes will be in place to help safely guide traffic around the construction. Please be aware of all construction traffic and workers throughout the construction zone.

Access for residents, businesses, mail services, deliveries, trash pickup, and emergency vehicles will be maintained during construction. Parking on Madison Street at this time has been suspended and we encourage residents to utilize public lots or adjacent on street parking to get to their preferred business destination.

This project consists of roadway removal and replacement, driveway approach removal and replacement, new sidewalk and multi-use path, curb and gutter removal and replacement, storm sewer upgrades, water main and water service replacement, sanitary sewer improvements, street lighting and traffic signal upgrades.

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DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Davis Park Improvement project started on September 30, 2025. The Davis Park at Founders Landing is under construction and closed for public use. Completion of the Davis Park Improvement project is scheduled to be completed the Spring of 2026.

All appropriate traffic control measures and marked detour routes will be in place to help safely guide traffic. Those using the river walk path will be detoured to S. Main Street on the north and south end of Davis Park.

This project consists of site improvements along with new building installations. The site improvements include seawall repair, river walk realignments, multiuse path improvements, custom playground installation, skatepark installation, grading and landscaping improvements, and installation of a new parking lot south of the Railroad tracks. The new building installations include a concession and multi-restroom building and a stage with greenroom building.

This project is funded by State grants and City funds.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Ryan Lundberg, Project Manager, at (779) 348-7644.

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WHITMAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION N. CHURCH STREET TO HORSMAN STREET

The Whitman Street Reconstruction Phase 2 began on March 10, 2025. This phase of the project will include the reconstruction of Whitman Street from N. Church Street to Horsman Street. This section of Whitman Street will be closed to through traffic. Ridge Avenue will also be closed just south of North Avenue as part of this project. Completion of Phase 2 will be October 24, 2025.

All appropriate traffic control measures and marked detour routes will be in place to help safely guide traffic.

Local residents will have access to their homes during the road closure. All mail services, deliveries, trash pickup and emergency services should not be interrupted during the closure for residents though at times might be minimally restricted. All businesses remain open throughout construction and will be accessible.

This project consists of pavement removal and replacement, driveway approach removal and replacement, sidewalk, and curb and gutter removal and replacement, storm sewer upgrades, water main and water service replacement, sanitary sewer improvements, traffic signal upgrades, and striping, as needed, to complete the Whitman Street Reconstruction project.

This project is funded by the City of Rockford 1% Infrastructure Sales Tax, along with the Water Replacement Improvement Account, and the Four Rivers Sanitation Authority.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Ryan Lundberg, Project Manager, at (779) 348-7644.

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STREET DIVISION MAINTENANCE UPDATE

STREET SWEEPING:

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Street Supervisor: Giovanni Giacomazzo	779 348-7675

The fall street sweeping season began on Monday, September 15, 2025. Arterial routes and mini islands are complete, and crews started work on the residential routes September 23, 2025.

The following area are scheduled to be swept the week beginning October 20, 2025.

- Huffman Blvd east to the River - Auburn St north to Halsted Rd
- The River east to Kishwaukee/3rd St - Lockheed Dr north to Y Blvd

Each Thursday throughout the residential sweeping season, weekly updates will be provided to highlight the residential areas of the city where street sweepers will be working. Maps will also be included to provide a visual of areas completed, not completed and those in progress.

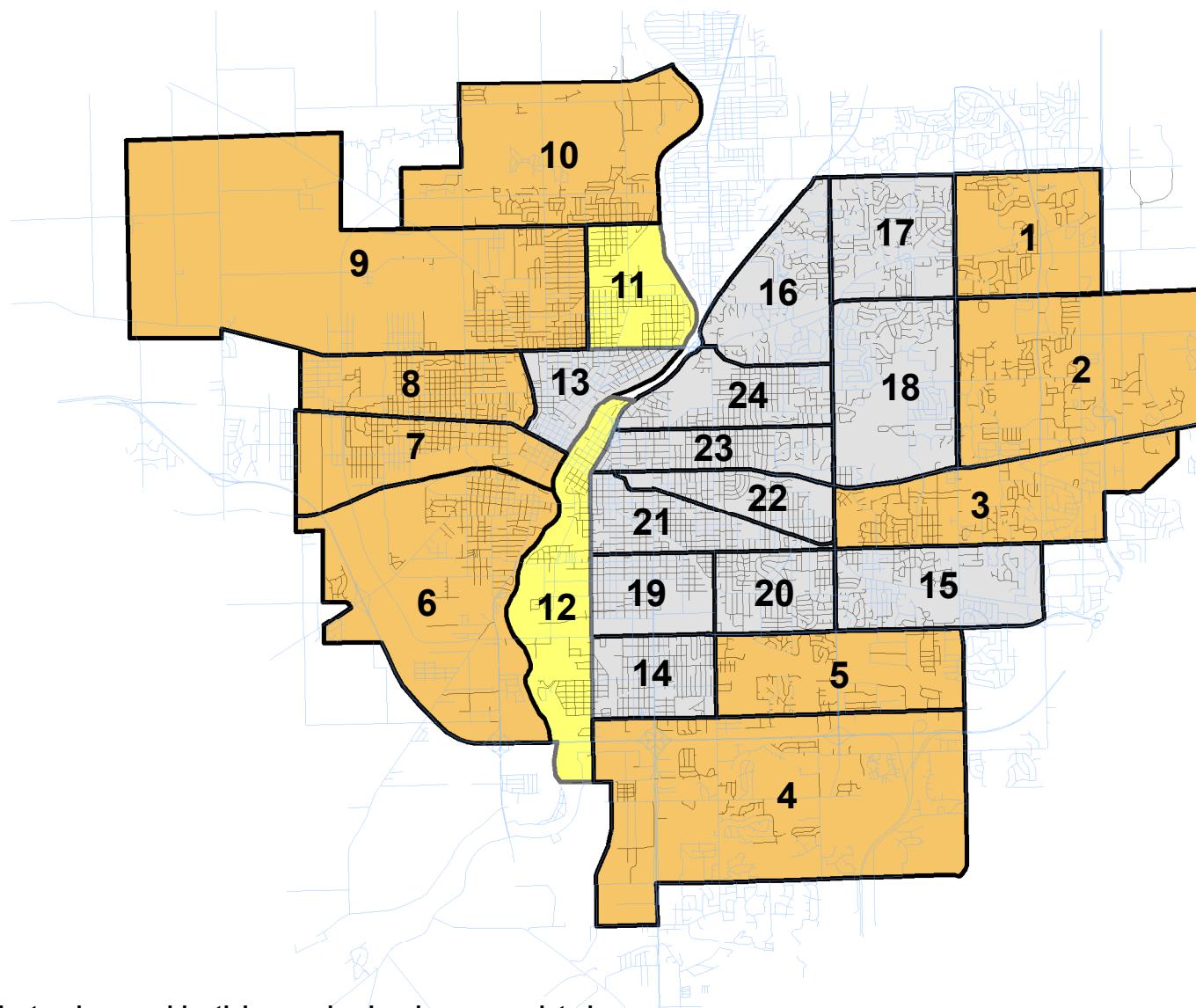
All Street Division Operations are dependent on existing weather conditions and are subject to change accordingly. Citizens are urged to approach Public Works Crews with caution and at a reduced speed that is below posted speed limits.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation as we perform our Street Maintenance Activities.

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Residential Street Sweeping

Fall 2025



Orange areas indicate where residential sweeping has been completed..
Yellow areas are scheduled for sweeping the week specified in the press release.
Grey areas are pending.

** Numbers indicate the order routes will be swept. (The sweep order changes every season)

