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Street Sweepers



A street sweeper is a little truck with a big job. It cleans up leaves and trash from the city streets. In Elgin, street sweepers work in every neighborhood and clean our streets twice a month. A street sweeper drives slowly up and down the street, spraying water and scooping up the trash with its big spinning brush.

Have you seen a street sweeper drive through your neighborhood? Have you seen one drive by after a parade? Without street sweepers our streets would be very dirty.

Street sweepers do an important job but there is something else special about street sweepers.

The street sweeper was invented in Elgin in 1914. They were built in a factory near the National Street bridge. The first finished machine was sold to the City of Boise, ID. Although they were offered a special discount price, the City of Elgin did not buy its first motor-driven street sweeper until 1920. Today, Elgin Sweeper Company sells street sweepers all over the world and they are all made in Elgin!





Help the Elgin Sweeper get back to the garage.

