

## 6 Questions With the DPW Commissioner Tom Kells

Q: How often is yard waste collected?

A: The City of Oswego's DPW collects yard waste daily from around the city, but this means that each neighborhood will have their yard waste collected only about once a week.

Q: How do I get a tree for my property?

A: If any homeowner wants a tree for their property, they must first make the request of their own alderman. If their alderman grants permission to plant a tree in the ward, the Department of Public Works will then step in.

Q: Can the DPW fix sidewalks, ect. Based on private complaints?

A: Yes, the DPW will take requests to fix specific problems of city residents. Before correcting any problems, the DPW must first clear the call for a change with the alderman of the resident: work will only be done if the alderman approves and there is available time.

Q: How do you deal with congested traffic in areas being repaired by the DPW?

A: Often times, bright signs or cones are posted to warn of a constructed area, or men alert oncoming traffic. In heavily constructed areas, streets may be closed so that no risk for other problems is present.

Q: How do you predict when the first snow fall will occur?

A: Usually, we have snow plows ready to roll just before Thanksgiving, because normally, there aren't too many storms before this time. The city owns quite a few trucks for snow removal, in order to accommodate for the need for such an important problem in Oswego. The DPW has a number of trucks available for snow removal: there are trucks that are strictly plows and multi-function trucks that can be used in both summer and winter.

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