

Need another word that means the same as “sweeping”? Find 49 synonyms and 30 related words for “sweeping” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Sweeping” are: wholesale, broad, extensive, expansive, vast, spacious, roomy, boundless, panoramic, wide-ranging, global, wide, comprehensive, all-inclusive, all-embracing, worldwide, catholic, exhaustive, pervasive, overwhelming, decisive, thorough, complete, total, absolute, out-and-out, thoroughgoing, unconditional, unlimited, unrestricted, unqualified, plenary, blanket, general, inclusive, indiscriminate, universal, oversimplified, imprecise, debris, waste, waste matter, refuse, litter, scrap, flotsam and jetsam, lumber, rubble, wreckage

Sweeping as a Noun

Definitions of "Sweeping" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “sweeping” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The act of cleaning with a broom.*
- *Dirt or refuse collected by sweeping.*



Synonyms of "Sweeping" as a noun (10 Words)

debris

Loose natural material consisting especially of broken pieces of rock.
*A stable arrangement of planets comets and **debris** orbiting the sun.*

flotsam and jetsam

The floating wreckage of a ship.

litter

A number of young animals born to an animal at one time.
*The spiders live in leaf **litter**.*

lumber

The wood of trees cut and prepared for use as building material.

refuse

Food that is discarded (as from a kitchen).

rubble

Waste or rough fragments of stone, brick, concrete, etc., especially as the debris from the demolition of buildings.
*The tower is built of stone **rubble** faced with ashlar.*

scrap

A small fragment of something broken off from the whole.
*He filled Sammy s bowls with fresh water and **scraps**.*

waste

(law) reduction in the value of an estate caused by act or neglect.
*The trackless **wastes** of the desert.*

waste matter

Any materials unused and rejected as worthless or unwanted.

wreckage

The remaining parts of something that has been wrecked.

*Firemen had to cut him free from the **wreckage** of the car.*



Usage Examples of "Sweeping" as a noun

- *The sweepings from the house.*



Sweeping as an Adjective

Definitions of "Sweeping" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "sweeping" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Ignoring distinctions.*
- *Wide in range or effect.*
- *(of a statement) taking no account of particular cases or exceptions; too general.*
- *Extending or performed in a long, continuous curve.*
- *Taking in or moving over (or as if over) a wide area; often used in combination.*



Synonyms of "Sweeping" as an adjective (39 Words)

- absolute** (of an adjective) used without an expressed noun (e.g. the brave).
*Dom Miguel proclaimed himself **absolute** monarch.*
- all-embracing** Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
- all-inclusive** Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
- blanket** Broad in scope or content- T.G.Winner.
***Blanket** sanctions against human rights violators.*
- boundless** Seemingly boundless in amount number degree or especially extent.
*Children with **boundless** energy.*
- broad** Showing or characterized by broad mindedness.
*The company has a **broad** range of experience.*
- catholic** Of or relating to or supporting Catholicism.
***Catholic** in one s tastes.*
- complete** Perfect and complete in every respect having all necessary qualities.
*The house comes **complete** with gas central heating and double glazing.*
- comprehensive** (of motor-vehicle insurance) providing cover for most risks, including damage to the policyholder's own vehicle.
*A **comprehensive** survey.*
- decisive** Unmistakable.
*An able and **decisive** young woman.*

<u>exhaustive</u>	Including or considering all elements or aspects; fully comprehensive. <i>The guide outlines every bus route in exhaustive detail.</i>
<u>expansive</u>	(of a person or their manner) relaxed and genially frank and communicative. <i>Expansive beaches.</i>
extensive	Large in amount or scale. <i>An extensive Roman settlement in northwest England.</i>
<u>general</u>	Prevailing among and common to the general public. <i>A general anesthetic.</i>
<u>global</u>	Having the shape of a sphere or ball. <i>Global monetary policy.</i>
imprecise	Not precise. <i>The witness could give only vague and imprecise descriptions.</i>
inclusive	Not excluding any of the parties or groups involved in something. <i>This is a testament to the inclusive environment fostered at our school.</i>
indiscriminate	Not marked by fine distinctions. <i>An indiscriminate mixture of colors and styles.</i>
out-and-out	Being out or having grown cold.
oversimplified	Simplified to such an extent that a distorted impression is given. <i>An oversimplified view of human personality.</i>
<u>overwhelming</u>	(especially of an emotion) very strong. <i>She felt an overwhelming desire to giggle.</i>
panoramic	As from an altitude or distance. <i>A panoramic view.</i>
<u>pervasive</u>	(especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people. <i>Ageism is pervasive and entrenched in our society.</i>
plenary	Unqualified; absolute. <i>A plenary session of the legislature.</i>
roomy	(especially of accommodation) having plenty of room; spacious. <i>A roomy but sparsely furnished apartment.</i>
<u>spacious</u>	(of buildings and rooms) having ample space. <i>The hotel has a spacious lounge and TV room.</i>
<u>thorough</u>	Complete with regard to every detail; not superficial or partial. <i>Thoroughgoing research.</i>
thoroughgoing	Without qualification; used informally as (often pejorative) intensifiers. <i>A thoroughgoing chocoholic.</i>

<u>total</u>	Constituting the full quantity or extent; complete. <i>A total failure.</i>
<u>unconditional</u>	Not subject to any conditions. <i>Unconditional surrender.</i>
<u>universal</u>	Denoting or relating to a grammatical rule, set of rules, or other linguistic feature that is found in all languages. <i>Universal experience.</i>
unlimited	Having no limits in range or scope- Philip Rahv. <i>Offshore reserves of gas and oil are not unlimited.</i>
unqualified	Not competent or sufficiently knowledgeable to do something. <i>A wife is usually considered unqualified to testify against her husband.</i>
unrestricted	Accessible to all. <i>Unrestricted access to both military bases.</i>
vast	Of very great extent or quantity; immense. <i>The vast reaches of outer space.</i>
wholesale	Done on a large scale; extensive. <i>The wholesale destruction of these animals by poachers.</i>
<u>wide</u>	Fully open or extended. <i>His wide circle of friends.</i>
wide-ranging	Widely different.
<u>worldwide</u>	Of worldwide scope or applicability Christopher Morley. <i>A worldwide epidemic.</i>



Usage Examples of "Sweeping" as an adjective

- *A sweeping assertion.*
- *Sweeping generalizations.*
- *We cannot recommend any sweeping alterations.*
- *A smooth sweeping motion.*
- *Sweeping, desolate moorlands.*
- *A wide-sweeping view of the river.*
- *A sweeping glance.*



Associations of "Sweeping" (30 Words)

algebraic	Of or relating to algebra. <i>Algebraic geometry.</i>
broad	Broad in scope or content. <i>Our range of programmes comprises three broad categories.</i>
<u>broom</u>	Sweep with a broom or as if with a broom.
brush	The act of brushing your hair. <i>A shaving brush.</i>
brushing	The act of brushing your hair.
clean	Ritually clean or pure. <i>A clean fuel.</i>
<u>cleaner</u>	A device for cleaning such as a vacuum cleaner. <i>She s one of the office cleaners.</i>

cleaning	The act of making something clean. <i>The housekeeper will help with the cleaning.</i>
commonplace	A notable passage in a work copied into a commonplace book. <i>Air travel has now become commonplace.</i>
comprehensive	A comprehensive school. <i>He trained as an accountant after leaving the local comprehensive.</i>
dust	An act of dusting. <i>Dust the bread with flour.</i>
extensive	Covering or affecting a large area. <i>An extensive Roman settlement in northwest England.</i>
generalization	Reasoning from detailed facts to general principles. <i>Such anecdotes cannot be a basis for generalization.</i>
janitor	A person employed to look after a building; a caretaker.
maid	A virgin. <i>Mary eventually managed to find a job as a maid.</i>
mop	To wash or wipe with or as if with a mop. <i>The kitchen needed a quick mop.</i>
nationwide	Occurring or extending throughout a country or nation. <i>It was broadcast nationwide.</i>
overall	A loose protective coverall or smock worn over ordinary clothing for dirty work. <i>The governors and head have overall responsibility for managing the school.</i>
prevalence	The ratio (for a given time period) of the number of occurrences of a disease or event to the number of units at risk in the population. <i>The prevalence of obesity in adults.</i>
roomy	(of buildings and rooms) having ample space. <i>A roomy but sparsely furnished apartment.</i>
scrub	An act of scrubbing something or someone. <i>She was scrubbing herself down at the sink.</i>
servant	A devoted and helpful follower or supporter. <i>He was a great servant of the Labour Party.</i>
simplistic	Treating complex issues and problems as if they were much simpler than they really are. <i>A simplistic theory of the universe.</i>
space	An empty area (usually bounded in some way between things). <i>They stopped at an open space in the jungle.</i>

- sweep** Clean by sweeping.
*We could see a wide **sweep** of country perhaps a hundred miles across.*
- ubiquity** The state of being everywhere at once (or seeming to be everywhere at once).
*The **ubiquity** of mobile phones means you don't really need a watch.*
- vacuum** Clean with a vacuum cleaner.
*The room needs to be **vacuumed**.*
- wag** Move (an upwards-pointing finger) from side to side to signify disapproval.
*The happy dog **wagged** his tail.*
- wash** The erosive process of washing away soil or gravel by water as from a roadway.
*The sea began to **wash** along the decks.*
- widespread** Found or distributed over a large area or number of people.
*There was **widespread** support for the war.*

