

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.*

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

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

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

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

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

