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DSNY Issues 'Winter Operations Advisory' for Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 1 p.m.

NYC Emergency Management Department Issues Travel Advisory for Late Saturday through Sunday as potential for freezing rain could create dangerous road conditions

Due to the chance of snow in the weather forecast, the New York City Department of Sanitation has issued a Winter Operations Advisory for Saturday, February 13 starting at 1:00 p.m. Snow is expected beginning Saturday afternoon and may continue as snow or freezing rain through as late as Sunday mid-day. The Department began pre-treating roadways with salt and brine early Saturday morning, and salt spreaders will continue working through the storm.

The combination of sleet and freezing rain could create dangerous roadway conditions on Saturday evening and overnight into Sunday. New Yorkers are strongly advised to avoid any unnecessary roadway travel.

The Department is coordinating with other City agencies on snow clearing protocol in accordance with each agency's written snow plan. All relevant city agencies have been notified and the Department will continue to monitor forecasts as the snow event approaches.

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for New York City in effect from 1 p.m. Saturday through 10 a.m. Sunday.

The New York City Emergency Management Department has issued a travel advisory for New York City from Saturday afternoon through Sunday evening. The potential for freezing rain could create dangerous road conditions. New Yorkers are advised to avoid driving and use mass transit where possible. Remember to wear a face covering and adhere to social distancing guidelines. If you must drive, exercise extreme caution as roads may be slippery due to the freezing rain. Allow for extra travel time.

New Yorkers are encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency communications program, for the latest information and updates on this storm and emergency events in NYC. To sign up for Notify NYC, download the <u>free mobile application</u>, visit <u>NYC.gov/NotifyNYC</u>, call 311, or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter. All winter weather information and information about the City's response to the storm can be found by visiting the City's Severe Weather website at <u>www.nyc.gov/severeweather</u> or by calling 311.

Find information on Sanitation snow operations along with residents' responsibilities during and after snow at nyc.gov/snow.

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 705 salt spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.