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DSNY Issues ‘Winter Operations Advisory’ for Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at 4:00 a.m.

Due to the possibility of overnight rain turning into morning snow followed by deep cold with the potential for ice accretion, the New York City Department of Sanitation has issued a Winter Operations Advisory for Thursday, January 20th, beginning at 4:00 a.m. A Winter Operations Advisory is the Department’s “lower level” winter weather message, as opposed to the “higher level” Snow Alert.

Rain is expected to begin Wednesday evening and change over to snow during the Thursday morning commute, with 1-3 inches possible across the City. In addition, temperatures are expected to drop throughout Thursday and remain cold on Friday, which may lead to ice buildup on untreated surfaces. All residents are encouraged to be especially cautious Thursday morning, and to take mass transit if possible.

The Department’s salt spreaders are filled and will be active across the city throughout the weather event. The Department is prepared to deploy plows in every sector that reaches a minimum snow accumulation of 2 inches. As this is a “rain to snow” event, brine will not be used.

Open Restaurants may continue to offer outdoor and roadway dining throughout this event. Restaurants with roadway seating should be aware that DSNY equipment may spread salt on the roadway.

Residents should continue to follow their normal collection schedule for trash, compost and recycling, though delays may occur while the Department is in snow operations mode.

Alternate Side Parking Regulations are suspended on Thursday to facilitate snow and ice removal operations. Parking meters are in effect.

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.

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 www.nyc.gov/severeweather or by calling 311. New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can sign up to receive phone calls, text messages, and emails alerts about severe weather events and emergencies. To sign up for Notify NYC, call 311, visit www.nyc.gov or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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.