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NYC Sanitation Offers Businesses Courtesy Inspections During Extended Recycling and Organics Enforcement Grace Period

Courtesy Inspections to Provide Warnings – NOT FINES; Trainings and Educational Materials Also Available for Businesses

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that it will extend the grace period for commercial recycling and organics enforcement through the end of November. During this period, DSNY will offer city businesses courtesy recycling and organics inspections with guidance and warnings, but **no fines will be issued for non-compliance**.

Businesses, including restaurants, stores and offices, play a critical role in the City's efforts to send zero waste to landfills. However, earlier this year DSNY temporarily paused commercial recycling and organics enforcement to provide relief for businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The Department plans to resume commercial recycling and organics enforcement in December. DSNY will work closely with the Business Integrity Commission to ensure that private waste haulers are providing the recycling and organics collection services businesses need to comply.

"We all have the responsibility to do our parts to help keep the city healthy, safe, and clean – both residents and businesses alike. We can't do the job alone," said **Edward Grayson, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Sanitation**. "We understand how the pandemic really changed things for many of us, particularly our small businesses. That's why we are happy to offer businesses a fine-free courtesy inspection to make sure their recycling procedures are up and running correctly."

"Recycling plays a key role in the City's plan to divert waste from landfills and fight climate change. Trade waste hauling companies must do their part by keeping recyclable materials separated from other waste. BIC will continue to work with the Department of Sanitation to ensure trade waste industry compliance. Once DSNY resumes commercial recycling and organics enforcement, BIC will issue administrative violations to private carters where we find them commingling garbage with separated recyclable material in the same vehicle," said **Noah D. Genel, Commissioner and Chair of the Business Integrity Commission**.