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Snow Plows in October!

DSNY's Snow Training Begins Sunday, October 4

New York City residents may notice a strange *October* sight – snow plows and salt spreaders on city streets! The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that snow training will begin Sunday, October 4, and is planned to last 10 consecutive Sundays.

During the Department's annual training exercises, Workers will practice "plowing up" collection trucks, and will drive plows and salt spreaders along set routes on city streets.

"Through a global pandemic, through the summer – all year round - snow is on our minds," said Acting Commissioner Edward Grayson. "Hands-on snow training gives our newer Workers a chance to re-familiarize themselves with the vehicles and routes when there's no snow on the road, while giving those with more time on the job a chance to become reacquainted with the snow equipment. And in a city with an ever-changing landscape, it gives us the opportunity to ensure we can meet the needs of all five boroughs."

The Department's snow planning operations require nearly year-round work, from maintaining and obtaining equipment, to reviewing routes, to training Workers, to communicating with the public.

While the Department is responsible for plowing and salting city streets, residents, business owners and property owners have responsibilities too. Learn more about NYC Sanitation snow operations, including those responsibilities, here:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/snow-response>.

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.