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## **Snow Plows in September!**

### **DSNY's Snow Training Begins Sunday, September 22**

New York City residents and visitors may notice a strange September sight – snow plows and salt spreaders on city streets! The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that snow training will begin Sunday, September 22 and 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.

"Even though it's September, we already have snow on our minds," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "Our hands-on snow training allows our new workers to familiarize themselves with the equipment and routes in a less stressful atmosphere, while giving those with more time on the job a chance to become reacquainted with the equipment, vehicles and routes. It also gives us the opportunity to ensure we can meet the needs of the five boroughs in an ever-changing city landscape."



The Department's snow planning operations require nearly year-round work, from maintaining and purchasing equipment, to reviewing routes, to training workers, to communicating with the public. Additionally, the Department's annual effort to recruit snow laborers is already underway. Snow laborers are per-diem workers who shovel snow and ice from bus stops, crosswalks and fire hydrants after heavy winter storms. Those interested in becoming a snow laborer can find more information at [nyc.gov/sanitation](http://nyc.gov/sanitation) or by calling 311.

### **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 695 salt/sand 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.