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## DSNY Issues 'Winter Operations Advisory' for Sunday, January 16th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the possibility of snow, heavy rain, and icing conditions in the forecast for Sunday and Monday, the New York City Department of Sanitation has issued a Winter Operations Advisory for Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Snow accumulation during the overnight hours is likely to be up to one inch in all parts of the city before a change-over to heavy rain (in other words, less than a plowable amount), however New York City is close to the "rain/snow line" of this event, and heavy snowfall is a remote but real possibility. In addition, temperatures are expected to drop throughout Monday, which may lead to ice buildup on roadways even if all precipitation comes in the form of rain.

The Department's salt spreaders are filled and will be active across the city beginning at 7:00 p.m., and brine trucks will be pretreating roadways and bike lanes as early as Saturday evening. If snow is heavier than anticipated, the Department is prepared to deploy plows in every sector. All residents are encouraged to be especially cautious Monday morning, and to take mass transit if possible.

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. As a reminder, Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and as such, collection is suspended. Additional information can be seen <a href="here">here</a>.

Alternate Side Parking Regulations are suspended on Monday due to the holiday. 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. In addition, DSNY is helping to clear catchbasins across the City on Saturday and Sunday to lessen the risk of flooding if this event does lead to heavy rains.

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 <a href="www.nyc.gov/severeweather">www.nyc.gov/severeweather</a> 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 <a href="www.nyc.gov">www.nyc.gov</a> 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.