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## **DSNY Issues Snow Alert for Friday, January 19, 2024, Beginning at 3 a.m.**

*Alert continues until 1 a.m. Saturday, January 20*

The New York City Department of Sanitation has issued a Snow Alert for Friday, January 19, 2024, beginning at 3 a.m. The alert is in effect through 1 a.m. Saturday, January 20.

Based on current forecasts, 1-3" of snow are possible, although the forecast is subject to change. Precipitation is expected to begin as early as 3 a.m. Friday and last as late as 10 p.m. that day. 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 [nyc.gov/severeweather](http://nyc.gov/severeweather) or by calling 311.

In a Snow Alert, the Department coordinates with NYC Emergency Management and the Department of Transportation on snow clearing protocol in accordance with each agency's written snow plan. All relevant city agencies have been notified of the Snow Alert.

### **Operations Update**

Thanks to historic investments in DSNY, the Department's Workers and equipment are more prepared for winter weather than ever before.

As conditions will be cold and dry before the storm, brine will be deployed on high spots, highways, and areas prone to icing. The full fleet of nearly 800 salt spreaders will begin to operate before the first precipitation falls, and the Department is fully stocked with over 700 million pounds of salt.

Every street is on a route, and unlike in past years, every route can be dispatched at the same time, bringing equity in snow clearance to the entire City. Thanks to historic investments in DSNY, bike lanes will also be serviced simultaneously alongside car lanes. DSNY will be tracking these operations via the new [Bladerunner 2.0 platform](#).

A "plowable depth" of 2" of snow on roadways is possible, and more than 2,000 of the Department's collection trucks can and will be turned into snow plows if needed.

### **Trash/Recycling Collection:**

Trash collection is ongoing, although delays are possible given this week's holiday and the earlier Monday/Tuesday snow event. Residents should follow their regular schedule. Due to recent investments in DSNY's headcount, only limited and sporadic delays are expected in this storm.

### **Snow Clearing Information**

While DSNY clears streets and bike lanes, property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks. As a reminder, property owners, including restaurants with outdoor dining structures, may NOT push snow into the street, including bike lanes. This impedes snow clearing operations and is illegal. Snow may be moved against the building, to the curb line, or areas on private property. Sidewalks should be passable for all pedestrians, including a minimum 4-foot clear path, where possible.

If the snow stops falling between:

- 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., property owners must clear sidewalks within 4 hours
- 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., property owners must clear sidewalks within 14 hours
- 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., property owners must clear sidewalks by 11 a.m.

New Yorkers are also encouraged to sign up for NotifyNYC, the City's free emergency notification system, available in 14 languages including ASL. Through NotifyNYC, 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 [nyc.gov/notify](https://nyc.gov/notify) or follow [@NotifyNYC](https://twitter.com/NotifyNYC) on Twitter.

Find information on Sanitation snow operations along with residents' responsibilities during and after snow at [nyc.gov/snow](https://nyc.gov/snow).