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Winter Schedule Now Underway for NYC Department of Sanitation

Known as “Night Plow,” Schedule Change Allows for Snow Fighting Preparedness; Trash and Recycling Collection Times May Change During the Winter Schedule

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that it has now transitioned to its winter schedule operations. Known as “Night Plow,” the winter schedule enables the Department to have pre-scheduled staff on hand to respond promptly and effectively to snow and ice conditions around the clock. When it is not snowing, Sanitation Workers on the schedule are generally assigned to collection duties, therefore residents may notice their trash and recycling collected at a slightly different time during the season. This winter schedule lasts at least through mid-April.

“Moving to a winter schedule allows us to most efficiently transition our workforce, who are critical first responders, to snow fighting operations,” said Acting Commissioner Edward Grayson. “When it’s not snowing, the night shift will collect household trash and recycling, and we advise those crews to work as quietly as possible.”

The Department of Sanitation has a frontline defense of more than 700 salt spreaders dispatched prior to the start of the impending snowfall. The Department begins the snow season with more than 300,000 tons of rock salt and 350,000 gallons of calcium chloride solution stored at facilities throughout the city. Once two inches of snow has fallen on the City’s streets and highways, the Department can deploy 2,300 trucks with plows to clear snow and ice. The Department is responsible for more than 19,000 lane miles of roadway in the City.

Read our [Snow Operations FAQs](#) and watch our [video](#) for information on Sanitation snow operations.

For further information on Sanitation services, call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation.

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.