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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S LATEST 'PREP TALK' PODCAST:
NYC SNOW OPERATIONS**

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December 2, 2020 — With the official start of the winter season just weeks away, the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) is gearing up to battle the elements. Between challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and Mother Nature, the men and women of DSNY — known as the heroes behind the plows — are prepared for the unexpected. On the latest episode of “Prep Talk,” Acting DSNY Commissioner Edward Grayson outlines important strategies the City will implement to combat the season’s snowfall. During the episode, Acting Commissioner Grayson discusses snow removal plans in relation to outdoor dining, the efficacy of brining, and new snow laborer volunteer procedures. He also encourages New Yorkers to develop emergency plans for the season and reminds individuals to stay informed through the City’s public messaging tools like Notify NYC.

“It’s those real-life reality checks that we want people to be aware of. This would not be the season to linger and double-park in the middle of a snow storm. This is exactly the season that we’re going to recommend to all New Yorkers to listen to the public messaging that comes out,” **Acting Commissioner Grayson** said. “If we’re asking you to stay off the roads, please do that, if we’re asking you to only travel for essential purposes, please do that.”

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#), and [Spreaker](#). For more information about DSNY’s snow response, visit [NYC.gov/DSNY](#). For more winter weather safety tips, visit [NYC.gov/Emergency Management](#).

Profile

Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed **Edward Grayson** as the Acting Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation on September 18, 2020.

Grayson is a 21-year veteran of the Department of Sanitation, most recently appointed four-star chief and director of the bureau of cleaning and collection in September 2017. Acting Commissioner Grayson has held a range of positions throughout the Department. He was operations chief overseeing snow removal during the 2016 Jonas Blizzard, the largest snowstorm in New York City history.

His father was a life-long Sanitation worker and supervisor and his mother was recycling outreach coordinator during the rollout of the City’s groundbreaking citywide recycling program in the 1990s. Acting Commissioner Grayson was raised in Ridgewood, Queens.



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