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DSNY Issues ‘Winter Operations Advisory’ for Monday, December 14, 2020

Due to the chance of winter weather in the forecast, the New York City Department of Sanitation has issued a **Winter Operations Advisory** for Monday, December 14, 2020. The Department’s snow fighting equipment is ready for any winter weather coming our way. This is not a Snow Alert which would require that Open Restaurants cease roadway dining. Read more below.

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.

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 www.nyc.gov/severeweather 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 www.nyc.gov or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

NEW THIS YEAR – Snow Alert vs. Winter Operations Advisory

To better allow for continued operations for Open Restaurant participants, this year, the Department will issue both **Snow Alerts** and **Winter Operations Advisories**. The Department will use its snow fighting equipment in both situations, as needed.

The Department will issue a **Winter Operation Advisory** when some snow, ice or winter weather is in the forecast, generally under an inch of total accumulation. During a **Winter Operations Advisory**, winter weather is possible, and the Department is prepared to respond. While roadway dining may continue, Open Restaurants should take steps to protect patrons, staff and property. The Department may spread salt and/or brine on the roadway to prevent freezing.

The Department will issue a **Snow Alert** when an inch or more of snow or ice is in the forecast. During a **Snow Alert**, roadway dining **MUST CLOSE** by the time indicated in the Alert. Furniture should be removed or secured, and electric heaters should be removed. Remove the tops of structures if possible. If the forecast calls for 12” of snow or more, remove or consolidate structures, including barriers, to take up as little space as possible. This makes plowing easier and protects property. The City will announce when the Snow Alert is over and roadway dining may safely resume.

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.