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NYC Marathon - Recycling and Clean up

Runners: Recycle Your Banana Peels and Unwanted Warm-up Clothing at the Marathon!

Recycling opportunities abound whether you are at home, at work, or running a 26.2 mile-long race. The New York City Department of Sanitation is proud to announce recycling opportunities and the Department's cleaning plan at this year's marathon.

At the start of the race, many runners may find themselves with extra layers of clothing – warmup gear – that they don't want to wear while running. Participants are encouraged to drop any unwanted clothing in the **blue clothing recycling bins** at the start of the race. The Department of Sanitation, along with DonateNYC and Goodwill Industries of Greater New York & Northern New Jersey work together to collect the discarded garments and keep them out of landfills. Last year, 69 tons of textiles were collected and put to reuse.

Marathon runners getting extra potassium at the race start with a pre-race banana are encouraged to make use of the **gray organics recycling bins**. After collection, the banana peels will be processed and turned into compost or renewable energy.

In 2017, DSNY removed:

- 84.29 tons of litter and debris;-
- 8.83 tons of paper;
- 4.23 tons of metal, glass and plastic; and
- 69 tons of textiles

After the 50,000 runners taking part in this weekend's marathon cross the finish line, the Department of Sanitation begins our own race, as we work to collect the clothing, drinking cups and other assorted debris left behind.

2018 DSNY Employees and Equipment:

- 288 Sanitation Workers;
- 32 Supervisors and Superintendents;
- 59 collection trucks;
- 62 mechanical brooms;
- 9 dump trucks;
- and a combined 29 push brooms, blowers, front end loaders and haulsters to get the job done.

The Department will also assisting NYPD with security operations by providing Sanitation vehicles for blockade purposes.

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) promotes a healthy environment through the efficient management of solid waste and the development of environmentally sound long-range planning for handling refuse, including recyclables. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 695 salt/sand 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.