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Winter Schedule Begins 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 begins its annual winter schedule operations today, October 28, 2019. 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, these Sanitation Workers are generally assigned to collection duties, and residents may notice their trash and recycling collected at a slightly different time during the season. This schedule shift lasts through mid-April.

The Department of Sanitation has a frontline defense of 705 salt spreaders dispatched prior to the start of the impending snowfall. The Department has a storage capacity for more than 300,000 tons of rock salt and 350,000 gallons of calcium chloride solution at facilities throughout the city. Once snow begins to accumulate on the City’s streets and highways, the Department can deploy 2,300 plowable trucks to clear snow and ice. The Department is responsible for more than 19,000 lane miles of roadway in the City.

“While the first flake of the season has not yet fallen, it’s already officially snow season at the NYC Department of Sanitation,” said Commissioner Garcia. “The season is starting earlier than ever, to best allow us to prepare for any extra-early storms that may come our way. Moving to a winter schedule allows us to more efficiently transition our workforce, critical first responders, to snow fighting operations. When they are not on snow and ice removal duty, the night shift will collect household trash and recycling, and we advise those crews to work as quietly as possible.”

Read [Snow Operations FAQs](#) and watch the [“What to Expect when Snow is on the Way”](#) video for information on DSNY snow operations.

For further information on Sanitation services, call 311 or visit DSNY’s website at 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.