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### **New York City Department of Sanitation to Cut Ribbon on First Industrial-Scale Compost Bagging Machine**

*DSNY to drastically increase speed and scale of compost available to wholesale partners*

**EVENT DATE TUESDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup>** – The New York City Department of Sanitation, the world’s largest municipal sanitation department, will cut the ribbon on a new large-scale compost bagging machine, a Hamer Fischbein 2090. This machine – a centerpiece of the Department’s wholesale compost operation – will be capable of bagging and wrapping up to 600 pallets per week, for a total of 1.9 million 40-lb. compost bags annually.

This material, among the highest-grade compost available in the United States, is produced primarily from yard waste, but will also include materials from curbside and school food scrap collection when the program resumes this fall. It is given to city agencies including the New York City Parks Department and to local community gardens. The material is also sold to landscapers and other commercial clients, with the revenue used to support the Department’s role in New York City’s zero-waste goals.

**WHERE:** DSNY Staten Island Compost Facility, 600 West Service Road, Staten Island, NY 10314

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Media will be allowed on-site beginning at 9am, with event to begin promptly at 10. Please allow a few extra minutes for security on-site.

**KEY VISUALS:** A large industrial-scale machine will bag and wrap compost; DSNY Commissioner Edward Grayson and other key personnel will cut a ribbon on this machine, which will then be activated for the first time.

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#### **About DSNY**

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.