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## **NYC Achievement: NYC Will Have Largest Organic Waste Curbside Collection Program in Nation**

### **DSNY's Expansion of Food Scraps and Yard Waste Collection in Queens Makes Program Available to More Than 961,000 Residents**

**WHAT:** DSNY is again expanding its curbside collection of organic material – food waste, food-soiled paper and yard waste. With expansion to Queens Community Board 11, DSNY's collection program to be the largest in the nation. Collection bins are being distributed now and collection begins December 5.

The program offers New Yorkers an easy way for residents to put their organic waste to beneficial use – the collected material gets turned into compost to help nourish soil and trees.

Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia will speak on the achievement deliver a bin, and welcome local residents to the curbside collection program.

Visuals: Commissioner Garcia and elected officials, local residents, brown organics bin, finished compost, lively costumed character

**WHO:** Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia  
Assembly Member David Weprin  
Council Member Barry Grodenchik  
Representative from Community Board 11

**WHEN:** Monday, November 14, 2016  
10 a.m.

**WHERE:** 244th Street, between Alameda Ave and Rushmore Ave  
Douglaston, Queens

#### **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 689 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.