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City Agencies to Help Residents Prepare for New Carryout Bag Law

Free Reusable Bags to be Available at Giveaway Event Near Brooklyn's Borough Hall and at Other Events Across the City

WHAT: To help residents prepare for the new Carryout Bag law, the New York City Department of Sanitation will give away free reusable bags to passersby near Court and Montague Streets in Brooklyn.

Starting February 15, 2017, New York City stores will begin charging customers at least five cents for each plastic, paper, or cloth carryout bag provided. The New York City Council passed this bill last year to reduce the use of carryout bags.

Residents not able to attend this Brooklyn event can find additional DSNY bag giveaway events at on.nyc.gov/bag-fee. The map will be updated frequently.

WHO:

- Kathryn Garcia, Sanitation Commissioner
- Antonio Reynoso, Chair, New York City Council Committee on Sanitation & Solid Waste Management
- Mark Chambers, Director of the Mayor's Office of Sustainability

WHEN: Tuesday, January 31
11 a.m.

(Bags will be given away 10 a.m. – noon)

WHERE: Near the intersection of Court and Montague Streets
Brooklyn

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.