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NYC Sanitation Offers Snow Operations Update

- “End of Storm” Announced; Sidewalk Shoveling Must be Complete by 1 p.m. Wednesday
- Limited Collection to Resume
- Work Continues on Pedestrian Infrastructure & Bike Lanes
- Snow Hauling, Piling and Melting Operations Underway

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced the following updates to its snow clearing operations.

Shoveling Responsibilities

The Department has announced the “end of storm” for the recent snow storm. With the “end of storm” announcement, business and property owners must ensure their sidewalk has been shoveled by 1 p.m. today.

Snow and ice on a sidewalk can severely injure pedestrians. According to the NYC Administrative Code, every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any lot or building **must** clean snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their properties. Snow **may NOT** be pushed into the street or bike lane. Snow **MAY** be placed against the building, against the curb line, or on private property. Clear the snow from around fire hydrants. Corner property owners should clear a path to the crosswalk, including any pedestrian ramps.

Trash/Recycling Collection

The Department will resume **trash collection** starting Thursday, February 4. Residents with regular Thursday trash collection should put their material at the curb between 4 p.m. and midnight Wednesday evening for collection. As the Department works to get back on regular schedule, residents should expect residual delays as the Department catches up.

Residents are asked to continue to hold their **recycling** material, if possible, though residents may place it curbside if space is an issue. Recycling collection will resume as soon as possible.

Pedestrian Infrastructure and Bike Lanes

The Department has again employed emergency Snow Laborers to remove snow and ice from areas such as cross walks, bus stops, step streets, fire hydrants and some bike lanes. Yesterday, about 300 Snow Laborers worked in the City. Their work will continue tomorrow, Thursday, February 4.

Piling/Hauling/Melting Operations

The Department has announced that snow piling, hauling and melting operations are underway in certain areas citywide. In larger snowfalls, the Department will move snow from some areas, especially in places with more narrow streets, and melt the snow using large machines. The snow melters can melt 60 to 120 tons of snow per hour, at a rate of 240 gallons per minute. The liquefied snow is then drained through approved NYC sewer connections after filters catch and remove any debris.

Readdressing Snowy Conditions

The Department's salt spreaders and snow plows are continuing work today. Residents can report driving lanes on city streets that need re-plowing or re-salting by calling 311. Keep in mind that local streets, while plowed and treated, may not show complete "black top."

Find information on Sanitation snow operations along with residents' responsibilities during and after snow at nyc.gov/snow.

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.