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### DSNY Announces Proposal to Expand Food Scrap Recycling Requirements for Additional Food-Related Businesses

**WHAT:** The New York City Department of Sanitation will announce a proposal to require additional commercial food establishments to separate their organic waste. The proposal builds on the early success of organics requirements for large food-related businesses that went into effect last year.

The announcement will be made at Citi Field, home of the New York Mets, a facility already successfully separating their food waste.

- Food scraps and other organic waste make up more than one-third of all commercial waste.
- Diverting organic material from landfills is a key component of the City's goal of sending zero waste to landfills by 2030.
- Keeping food scraps and other organic waste out of landfills reduces the emissions of methane gas, a major contributor to climate change.
- Organic waste can be turned into compost, a soil amendment or clean, renewable energy

**WHO:** Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia  
Representatives from the New York Mets  
Representatives from Aramark, the Mets' food and beverage partner

**WHERE:** Citi Field  
Parking available in Lot G – Please RSVP to facilitate parking upon arrival (646-885-5020)  
Enter stadium via Hodges Entrance

**WHEN:** Monday, July 17  
Noon

#### **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 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.