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Sweeping in 2017 in Times Square

Every New Year's Eve, revelers gather in Times Square, along with party hats, noisemakers, confetti, paper streamers and other pieces of New Year's joy. As the throngs of celebrants in Times Square begin to disperse after the clock strikes midnight, a small army of Sanitation employees from the New York City Department of Sanitation will "sweep in" to clean up the aftermath of one of New York's most festive events.

This year, DSNY's Times Square cleanup will include:

- 235 Sanitation Workers
- 45 Officers, and
- 2 Deputy Chiefs on duty.

They will use:

- 27 mechanical brooms,
- 39 collection trucks,
- 60 back pack/walk behind blowers, and
- 54 hand brooms and other assorted street cleaning equipment to clean the area.

Last year, DSNY removed more than 44.34 tons of debris.

"New Year's Eve in New York City brings not only millions of people to the Times Square area, but also tons of debris," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "Thanks to a small army of Sanitation employees, every last piece of confetti will be quickly cleared away."

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.