

COVID-19 Advisory

Everyone should wear a mask:

- At all times when in an indoor public setting, including inside stores, offices, lobbies, hallways, elevators, public transportation, schools, child care facilities, and other public shared spaces
- In crowded outdoor settings
- If you're sick and unable to separate from others, such as when traveling to and from a health care provider, picking up groceries, and when in shared living spaces
- If you are positive for COVID-19

Wear a high-quality mask, such as a KN95 or KF94, or an N95 respirator, for additional protection.



Ready New York Question of the Week

___ becomes an ice pellet before hitting the ground; ___ becomes ice

when it hits the ground.

- a) freezing rain; sleet
- b) sleet; freezing rain
- c) snow; sleet
- d) snow; freezing rain

See the correct answer [here](#).

A yellow rectangular graphic with a black border. At the top, it says "COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES" in bold black letters, flanked by two blue speech bubble icons and plus signs. Below that, "Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips" is written in blue. The center features icons for a green battery, a smartphone, a person on a blue scooter with a red box, a laptop, and a red battery. Below the icons, there are two paragraphs of text. At the bottom, a white hexagonal box with a black border contains the date, time, and link. The NYC Emergency Management logo is at the bottom center. Plus signs are also present in the bottom corners of the graphic.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
WEBINAR SERIES**

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips

Join our webinar with FDNY to learn more about lithium-ion batteries, commonly found in rechargeable electronics like cellphones, laptops, e-bikes, and scooters.

Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can catch fire if not treated properly. FDNY will share tips to use and store them safely.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m. EST
Link: bit.ly/NYCEM_CommunityEngagement

NYC Emergency Management

Register [here!](#)

How the DSNY Prepares for Winter Weather 'Prep Talk' Podcast

#PrepTalkNYC {[Click here to listen to episode 87](#)}

January 4, 2023 — As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, signaling

the change of seasons, New Yorkers know it's time to prepare for inclement weather and the seemingly inevitable snowstorm. Now that the winter season has officially arrived it's only a matter of time before we see snowflakes resulting in school closures, delayed transportation, snow shoveling, and potential snow related emergencies. Luckily, for New York City the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has its own designated "Snow Chief." As we move further into the winter season, we will examine how DSNY and its Snow Chief prepares for winter to help the city weather the storm.

On this episode of "Prep Talk" Christian Hourihan, assistant chief at the Department of Sanitation, also known as the "Snow Chief" discusses how the agency prepares for snowstorms, the challenges of garbage removal during snowstorms, the process of clearing streets of snow and debris, and snow removal safety tips. Hourihan also talks about the department's biggest challenges when facing snowstorms and their role in citywide events such as the New York City Marathon.

"For Sanitation, winter season prep is a year-round thing," said **Christian Hourihan, Assistant Chief at the Department of Sanitation**. "Coming out of winter, the first thing we are doing is reassessing how did we perform and changes to routes that are necessary."

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spreaker](#).

How New York City Prepares for Winter Snowstorms ¡Prepárate! Podcast

¡Prepárate! [{Click to listen to episode 15}](#)

January 4, 2023 — The weather outside is frightful. And while winter can be delightful, it can also cause havoc on transportation, infrastructure and utility services during snowstorms and extreme cold weather events. With winter officially underway, New York City Emergency Management and its partners have been preparing for months for the potential impacts to transportation and utility providers due to uprooted trees, fallen branches on homes, roads, streets, sidewalks and other sensitive structures during extreme weather.

On the latest episode of ¡Prepárate!, Henry Cornejo, Transportation and Infrastructure Specialist for New York City Emergency Management, discusses how agencies work together before and after storms. Removing debris and fallen trees from roadways is imperative during emergencies, to allow first responders to reach those in need quickly and safely.

"The most challenging aspect about the winter weather in NYC is its unpredictability. The winter is a busy season for us, we are constantly reviewing our operational plans to determine if any updates are needed, hold calls with our partner agencies to discuss our response activities, and communicate any critical messages to the public. Due to this unpredictability, our most active emergency response groups are the Downed Trees Task Force (DTTF) and the Tow Truck Task Force (TTTF)," said Henry Cornejo, Transportation and utility specialist for New York City Emergency Management. You can listen to the latest ¡Prepárate! episode on [SoundCloud](#).

Reminders on Safely Warming Your Home



Safe Home Heating Tips

Improper use of portable heating equipment can lead to fire or dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Take precautions to ensure you are heating your home safely.

Fire Safety Tips

Use only portable heating equipment that is approved for indoor use. Keep combustible materials, including furniture, drapes, and carpeting at least three feet away from the heat source. **never** drape clothes over a space heater to dry.

Always keep an eye on heating equipment. Never leave children alone in the room where a space heater is running. Turn it off when you are unable to closely monitor it.

Be careful not to overload electrical circuits.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm in every room. Check and change batteries often.

For more information, the [FDNY's website](#) has many Fire Safety resources. Follow the link and click on Holiday and Christmas Fire Safety Materials for specific tips to keep you and your family safe this holiday season, and don't forget to share the information with your community!

Community Flood Action Kit

Community Flood Action Toolkit

Protect your property from flood risk

The Community Flood Action Toolkit is a new resource from the team at FloodHelpNY. This toolkit provides high-level information about flood insurance and retrofits.

The toolkit is available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Russian, and Haitian Creole.

Link to toolkit and more information: [Flood Risk Is Rising | News and Info on Flooding | FloodHelpNY.org](#)

Upcoming Events



FEMA
Region 2



Human Trafficking Awareness Webinar

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 1:00:00 PM EST

Duration: 1 hour(s)

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a special webinar featuring a subject matter expert from Homeland Security Investigations, tasked with investigating and dismantling human trafficking efforts throughout the country.

Human trafficking is a hidden crime, and it can happen in any community; victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. The first step to combating it is to identify victims so they can be rescued and help bring their perpetrators

to justice. Education and awareness is the route to a safer community.

Register [here!](#)



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*Property damaged by the December 23 Winter Storm?
Whether from water, wind, or freezing cold,
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Wednesday, January 11 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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STORM DAMAGE? Join this free webinar on Wednesday, January 11th from 6:30PM-7:30PM to learn how to make an insurance claim, what to do if you don't have insurance, and how to prepare for future storms.

If your home was impacted by the winter storm from December 23rd-27th or even later (if you had burst pipes), you'll benefit from joining.

RSVP [here!](#)



HUD EXCHANGE

Resources and assistance to support
HUD's community partners

RFI for HUD's CDBG-DR Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

HUD Seeking First-of-Its-Kind Public Input to More Equitably and Accurately Allocate Disaster Recovery Funds.

Public comments requested on or before **February 21, 2023**. Late-filled comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

<https://mailchi.mp/hudexchange/rfi-for-huds-cdbg-dr-rules-waivers-and-alternative-requirements-87-fr-77864-now-available>



NYC FloodNet is a cooperative of communities, researchers, and New York City government agencies working to better understand the frequency, severity, and impacts of flooding in New York City.

The FloodNet NYC team is hiring a full-time, NYC-based Community Engagement Manager. The ideal candidate will have experience living and working in NYC, and will also have experience in two or more of the following:

- Community engagement / Organizing
- Sensors / STEM Education
- Flooding / Climate Change Adaptation

Please share with your networks! FloodNet is a great collaborative team, and this job is an opportunity to be part of an innovative and impactful project, all while working within the awesome neighborhoods and community groups of NYC!

More information and application details are here: <https://www.rfcuny.org/careers/postings?pvnID=BK-2208-005001>

Closing Date: January 13, 2023 (Or Until Filled).

NYCEM Hiring Information

NYC Emergency Management Agency Spotlight



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Are you interested in a career opportunity helping New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies? Do you want to be part of a team that includes the best and brightest emergency management professionals in the world? Well, look no further! NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) is hiring for various positions including emergency support, human resources, and program management. Join DCAS and NYCEM to learn about these job opportunities, the City's hiring process, and to hear from current NYCEM employees about their experiences on the job.

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If you require a reasonable accommodation to attend this webinar, please contact Veronica Geager at vgeager@oem.nyc.gov

Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community

Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>

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