



New York's Strongest Brings in 2019!

Soon after the ball dropped – as throngs of celebrants were heading home – our army of Sanitation colleagues swooped in, restoring Times Square for the New Year. While our team didn't have to suffer last year's record-setting cold, they moved out more than 65 tons of sopping wet confetti and other celebration remnants. That's almost 10 tons more than last year.

From the Commissioner



Kathryn Garcia

This is a proud month for the Department of Sanitation. Last week, I stood with Mayor Bill de Blasio at the Hamilton Avenue Marine Transfer Station to celebrate the start of New York City's ban on foam food service products and packing peanuts.

According to our 2017 Waste Characterization Study, New Yorkers throw away 60 million pounds of expanded polystyrene (EPS) products every year, and these products cannot be recycled. And foam is especially challenging – it blows in the wind, creates litter, pollutes our waterways and contaminates our organics and recycling programs.

Banning these foam products moves us one step closer to our goal of sending zero waste to landfills.

It's been a long fight. I want to personally thank all of our colleagues at the Bureau of Legal Affairs, the Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability, and all throughout the agency who have supported this effort.

It is imperative that each of us at the Department of Sanitation takes a leadership role in our zero waste efforts. Already, we have distributed thousands of reusable water bottles and installed water dispensers in our district garages to replace single-use water bottles. Now, we must ensure that our garages and offices are free of foam products and serve as an example for New Yorkers across the City.

This is an exciting way to welcome the New Year, and I look forward to our meaningful work together in 2019. Thank you for all that you do to keep New York City healthy, safe and clean.

Take Care!



Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water. When soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol. Remember, while alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of microbes on hands in some situations, they do not eliminate all types of germs.

For more information on the proper use of hand sanitizer as well as when and how to wash hands call the HCF @ 212-437-4457

refashionNYC



125 Worth Street now boasts its own refashionNYC bin so DSNY employees can get with the program. It's tucked away by the freight elevators on the 7th floor. Drop off some clothing, take a donation receipt – and treat yourself to a soda from the neighboring machine that raises money for Autism Speaks. Want a bin for your apartment building? Visit nyc.gov/refashion.

Social Scene

Mel @humanparton

These workers perform nothing short of a miracle in just a few short hours. Thank you @NYCSanitation 🌟

After all the beautiful NYE photos, workers who clean up the mess in Times Square deserve some respect too

8:45 AM - 2 Jan 2019

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Mel @humanparton · 38m
I'm told that each sanitation worker personally cleans up the debris of about 4,000 people after NYE. I can't fathom a number like that and I'm grateful for their incredibly meaningful work.

NYPDTimesSquare @NYPDTimesSquare

A big shout out to @NYCSanitation and the Times Square Alliance Sanitation team for cleaning up #TimesSquare after the #BallDrop! @TimesSquareNYC

8:07 PM - 1 Jan 2019 from Times Square, Manhattan

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Commissioner O'Neill @NYDCO'Neill

Thanks to #NewYorksStrongest for their partnership during & after all of our great city's various parades and other large-scale events, all throughout the year. @NYCSanitation & @NYPDnews keep #NYC clean and safe, year after year. #HappyNewYear2019 🎉

NYC Sanitation @NYCSanitation
More than 300 Sanitation employees worked in #TimesSquare after the ball dropped to clean the confetti (and other debris) left behind from the New Year's celebration. Here's how we got the job done! Wishing all a healthy and happy 2019! #happynewyear 🎉

1:24 PM - 1 Jan 2019

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Mayor Bill de Blasio @NYCMayor

Being the fairest big city in America starts with being a city that you can live in. The ban on styrofoam that goes into effect today will make our city healthier and cleaner for generations to come.

6:00 PM - 1 Jan 2019

THANK YOU NYC'S STRONGEST

CONGRATULATIONS on contributing
2,100 blood donations
to the community blood supply last year.

These donations went on to affect the lives of more than
6,000 lives of local patients in need.

On behalf of these patients and their families,

THANK YOU!!

January is National Blood Donor Month, so please . . .

1. Donate

Someone needs blood every few seconds in the United States. Every time you donate, 3 lives are affected. Donate now. Donate again in eight weeks. Repeat. DSNY offers multiple opportunities throughout the year!

2. Inspire

Remember to spread the word and bring a friend. Your donation can inspire others to donate, creating an chain reaction. More donations equal more lives affected.

3. Learn and remember your blood type

What's your blood type? We need every type but some types have special qualities: A-, B-, O+, and O- are in highest demand by area hospitals (and can donate on the Alyx machine).