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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ISSUES TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR MONDAY AM RUSH

Wintry mix of snow, sleet, and freezing rain may create dangerous travel conditions

January 11, 2015 — The New York City Office of Emergency Management today issued a Travel Advisory for the morning of Monday, January 12. The National Weather Service is forecasting a wintry mix of snow and rain beginning around midnight and continuing through approximately 10AM Monday. Less than one inch of snow and a glaze of ice is forecast before the wintry mix transitions to all rain after 10AM. A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect from 3AM to 10AM Monday.

City Actions

The NYC Department of Sanitation issued a Snow Alert for Monday, January 12 at 12AM and is pre-deploying 424 salt spreaders.

The Department of Transportation is deploying anti-icing units to each of the East River bridges tonight and will pre-treat pedestrian overpasses and step streets.

Garbage Collection

Trash and recycling pickups will continue as scheduled.

Parking

Alternate Side Parking Regulations are in effect citywide Monday. Parking meters remain in effect throughout the city.

Exercise caution when driving and allow for additional travel time. NYC Emergency Management encourages New Yorkers to take the following precautions:

For Motorists

- If you must drive a vehicle, monitor weather and traffic reports for the latest road conditions. Use mass transportation whenever possible.
- Use major streets or highways for travel when possible as these roadways will be cleared first.
- Drive slowly. Vehicles, including those with 4-wheel drive, take longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Keep the name and phone number of at least one local towing service in your car in case you break down or become stuck in the snow.
- If you get stuck on the road, stay with your car and contact a towing company.

For Pedestrians

- Exercise caution and avoid slippery surfaces; some ice may not be visible.
- Wear layers including a hat, gloves, and scarf to stay protected from the cold. And, keep clothes and shoes dry.
- Keep fingertips, earlobes, and noses covered if you go outside.
- Have heightened awareness of cars, particularly when approaching or crossing intersections.

New Yorkers are encouraged to sign up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency notification system. Through Notify NYC, New Yorkers can receive phone calls, text messages, and/or emails alerts about traffic and transit disruptions and other emergencies. To sign up for Notify NYC, call 311, visit www.nyc.gov/notifynyc, or follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

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