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## ***Safety Bulletin: Winter 2017***

To all trade waste licensees and registrants:

The first official day of winter is on December 21, 2017, and this past weekend New York City received its first snowfall. Driving can be particularly challenging during this time of year due to bad weather conditions, including sleet, ice, snow, and freezing rain. Drivers must be prepared to encounter these and other hazards on the road. Safety is the top priority.

### **REMEMBER TO:**

- *Remove ice and snow from all trucks before use.* Before beginning a route, clear any snow from the windshields, windows, headlights and roof in order to increase the vehicle's visibility.
- *Know the road conditions.* Before leaving the garage/yard, check the road conditions. During a heavy snowstorm, some streets may close. Plan for alternatives. Continue to monitor road conditions during a storm, as conditions may change. To learn more about street closures, please visit: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/weektraf.shtml>
- *Conduct a pre-trip inspection.* During the cold months, it is important to inspect each truck's tire pressure and anti-freeze levels to ensure the truck is in good working condition.
- *Slow down.* Roads can be slippery during and after bad weather. Drivers must reduce their speed on slippery roads and keep a safe distance from the cars in front of them.

Safety is everyone's issue. We appreciate all of your efforts to make the trade waste industry safer. Together, we can help the City achieve its Vision Zero goal of ending traffic-related deaths and injuries in New York City.

