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***Safety Bulletin: Spring 2019***

To all trade waste licensees and registrants:

Even though the first official day of spring is just over two weeks away (Wednesday, March 20, 2019), winter weather may not be over yet. Drivers must be prepared to encounter any number of weather elements, including but not limited to, snow, wintry mix, sleet, heavy winds, and rain. This weather can create hazardous conditions on the road. Safety is the top priority. Spring also ushers in the beginning of daylight saving time on **Sunday, March 10, 2019**. Sunrise will be later, adding potential dangers to the morning commute.

**REMEMBER TO:**

- *Be aware that visibility is low in the morning.* During daylight saving time, sunrise occurs around 7 a.m. Be on the lookout for pedestrians, especially school children, and cyclists as they might be heading to school/work while it is still dark in the morning.
- *Know the road conditions.* Before leaving the garage or 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 [NYC DOT](#). [Enroll](#) in Notify NYC or follow [@NotifyNYC](#) for up to date information.
- *Focus on the road.* Make sure you are distraction free. No headphones or Bluetooth devices – even if they are off. April is distracted driving awareness month. The National Safety Council has various [resources](#) to promote awareness on this and other important topics.

Safety is everyone's concern. 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.

