

DSNY and Fleet Agencies Tackle Largest Winter Storm in Years

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On January 25, New York City was blanketed with over foot of snow, the largest snowfall since 2021. The storm was followed by a major cold spell that is still ongoing.

Fleet operations play a huge role in response to snow emergencies led by plowing and salting [operations](#) at DSNY, with critical support from NYPD, FDNY, DOT, Parks, DEP, DCAS, NYCEM, and others. DSNY deployed more than 2,000

garbage trucks outfitted for plowing as well as 700 salt spreaders including 44 new spreaders designed to protect the city's bike lanes.

Citywide, agencies augmented these resources with dump trucks, pickups, and gators outfitted with plows; front-end loaders; skid steer loaders; snow blowers; forklifts; and other assists.

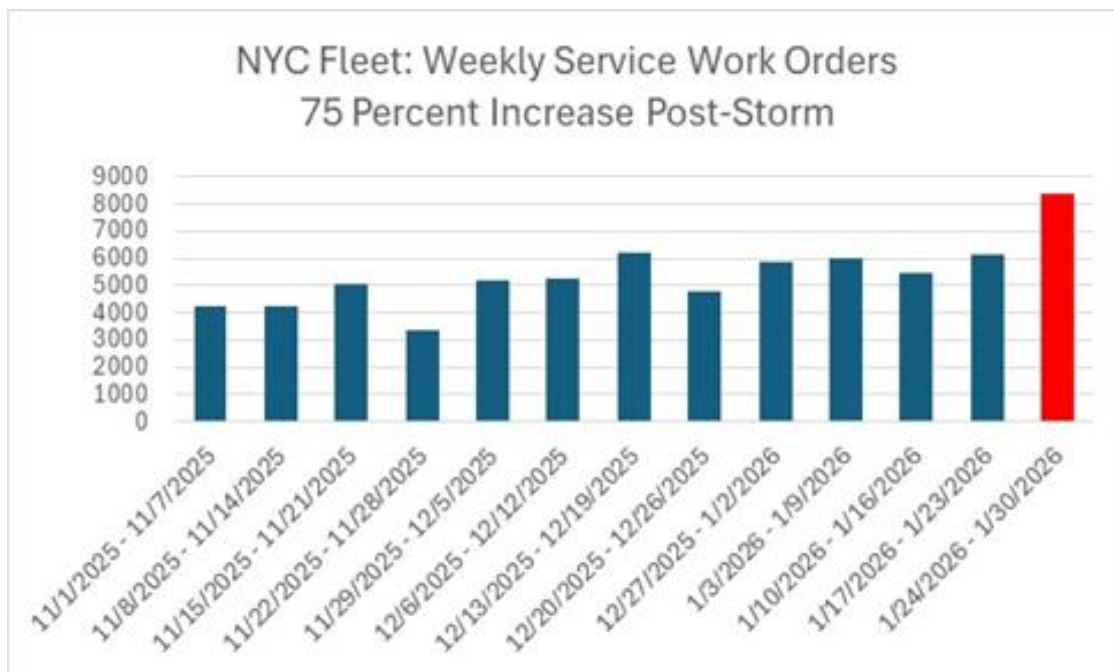


The sheer volume of snow has led to disruptive snow piles throughout the city. In response, DSNY has rolled out eight snow melting locations citywide to melt over 120 million pounds of snow and counting. Read Mayor Mamdani's [announcement](#). High winds also led to downed trees and branches citywide, which have been the focus for Parks and DOT forestry crews.

Fleet agencies are also providing emergency fuel support as we all cope with week two of an extended cold streak. NYPD, FDNY, DSNY, DOT and DCAS have all been supporting NYC Public Schools with emergency heating oil and generator fuel deliveries to ensure school operations are not disrupted. About half of all heating oil used in city government facilities supports the schools.



Behind the scenes, city mechanics at the major fleet agencies are working tirelessly to keep all this equipment on the road. Snow plowing and salting are incredibly demanding on vehicles. In an average week, NYC's fleet services handle approximately 4,800 repair and inspection work orders. Last week, over 8,300 work requests were placed, a 75 percent increase focused on DSNY emergency response assets.



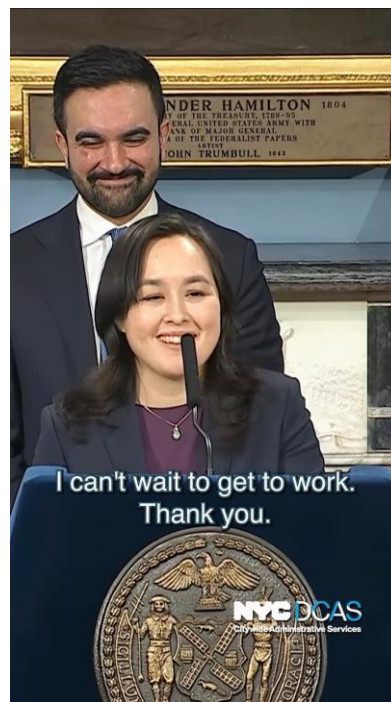
Major storms require an all-of government response, and fleet operations are front and center. Thanks to all the city's plow and salting operators, mechanics, shovelers, foresters, quality assurance inspectors, emergency response officials, and the many others leading the storm response on the ground every day and keeping NYC moving.



Welcome Commissioner Yume Kitasei

Last week, Mayor Zohran Mamdani announced the appointment of Yume Kitasei as commissioner of DCAS. Read Commissioner Kitasei's bio [here](#), and watch her announcement video by clicking the adjacent video.

Additionally, today, February 5, Commissioner Kitasei joined Fleet Management in the Inter-Agency Fleet Federation meeting and met fleet and transportation leaders from over 20 agencies and offices. Our fleet staff joins colleagues across the agency in welcoming our new commissioner.



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