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Jersey City Prepares for Winter Storm Expected to Bring up to 12 inches of Snow With Aggressive Snow Removal Plan

DPW to Deploy 60 Pieces of Equipment, with 5,000 Tons of Salt Available

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with the Department of Public Works, are preparing for a significant winter storm that may bring up to a foot of snow to the area with an aggressive snow removal plan, with 5,000 tons of salt on hand and over 60 pieces of equipment to be deployed overnight Tuesday and throughout the duration of the storm on Wednesday.

“Our crews and our streets are prepared for this storm,” said Mayor Fulop. “We have treated our streets with brine to prevent freezing, and will have more than 60 plows, salt spreaders, and trucks on the road when the storm begins tonight. We are also asking that residents who do not need to drive to please stay off the roads and also avoid parking at corners or double parking, as this greatly slows down snow removal operations.”

The Jersey City OEM Command Center will be operational overnight and throughout the storm, as will the DPW Snow Command Center. OEM and DPW officials will be closely monitoring and tracking the storm to best coordinate snow-removal operations.

The City’s two senior centers – The Maureen Collier Center on Bergen and Ege Avenue and the Joseph Connors Center on Paterson Street – will both be closed tomorrow, March 7th. Meals on Wheels will not be delivering, but will make necessary stops today to prepare.

Residents are reminded to NOT PARK within 25 feet of an intersection and to not double park. Doing so only hampers the efforts of crews plowing and salting streets. All vehicles parked within 25 feet of an intersection may be ticketed or towed. If possible, residents are asked to not park on main thoroughfares, so that DPW can remove snow from curb-to-curb.

Following the storm, residents are reminded to NOT shovel snow into the street and should clear sidewalks in front of their property of snow and ice in accordance with municipal ordinance.

****Street sweeping and alternate side parking regulations have been suspended for tomorrow, Wednesday, March 7th.****

For additional updates, please visit the city website at www.jerseycitynj.gov or the Official City of Jersey City Facebook page or on Twitter @JC_GOV.

The Hudson County Warming Center in Kearny provides overnight shelter for homeless individuals during the extreme winter weather. The Warming Center will remain open continuously Tuesday, March 6th night until Thursday, March 8th morning. The homeless are picked up at two separate locations and provided with food, showers, and shelter at the facility. The pickup locations are: **Hoboken Terminal at 8:15 p.m.** and in **Jersey City at the Taxi Stand on Sip Avenue at 9:45 p.m.**

GSECDC's outreach team conducts outreach from 3pm to 11pm to inform the homeless of this and provide them bus service to the shelter. Anyone who notices a homeless person in the cold is asked to contact the police who can arrange transportation to one of the shelters.

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