

# District Manager's Report

## December, 2024

**New York City Department of Social Services Reported:** Please be advised that the federal authority that allows for the replacement of skimmed SNAP benefits ends on **Friday, December 20, 2024**. The Department of Social Services is not allowed to issue SNAP skimming replacement for theft that occurs after December 20, 2024. Clients can still [file claims](#) for replacement of skimmed SNAP benefits after December 20, 2024, as long as the theft occurred on or before December 20, 2024, and the claim is filed within 30 days after they learned the benefits were stolen. This deadline does not impact claims for skimmed Cash Assistance benefits.

For additional Benefit Skimming Replacement information and resources, please visit our dedicated [webpage](#)

**Manhattan District Attorney's Office Reported:** The release of the [Gun Violence Prevention Initiative 2025 Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#)! The Gun Violence Prevention Initiative (GVPI) is an incredible opportunity for organizations to receive funding and support for projects that align with our mission to engage youth in creative and impactful ways in a concerted effort to deter gun violence through prevention. This year's funding will increase from \$200,000 in awards to \$300,000, most notably because data and community feedback is showing that this investment into youth most at risk for being directly affected by gun violence **works**. Shootings have decreased by 48% and over 50% of youth who participate in GVPI programming stay connected to organizations after the initiative ends.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, for a virtual information session from 12 pm – 1:30 pm. During this session, DANY staff will review key elements of the 2025 Gun Violence Prevention Initiative RFP and facilitate a question-and-answer session. This will be the ONLY information session and it is open to the public. To register for the virtual information session, click [here](#).

### Key Details of the 2025 GVPI RFP:

- **Application Deadline:** January 14, 2025, 2:59 PM
- **Eligibility Requirements:** Community-based organizations that provide hyperlocal programming through individuals with lived experience in neighborhoods most affect by gun violence, including Washington Heights/Inwood, Harlem, East Harlem, the Lower East Side, as well as NYCHA developments including Douglas, Amsterdam, and Wise Towers.
- **Funding Opportunities:** \$25,000 for single entities; \$60,000 for joint entities.

- **Proposal Guidelines:** Detailed instructions and eligibility criteria are included in the full RFP document.

To access the full RFP and learn more about the application process, please visit [The City Record Online \(CROL\)](#). We encourage you to review the guidelines carefully and reach out with any questions. Questions and requests for additional information regarding the GVPI 2025 RFP should be directed to [bidsrfps@dany.nyc.gov](mailto:bidsrfps@dany.nyc.gov) with a copy (cc) to [PavelicN@dany.nyc.gov](mailto:PavelicN@dany.nyc.gov).

Please be sure to have “Gun Violence Prevention Initiative RFP Summer 2025” in the subject line of all emails.

**Con Edison Reported:** Customers who receive qualifying government assistance benefits can receive a discount of up to \$173 per month on their energy bills, through the Energy Affordability Program (EAP). Customers receiving Medicaid, Veterans Disability or Survivors Pension, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Lifeline Telephone Service Program benefits among others can enroll online or apply via email, fax, mail, or in person at one of Con Edison’s walk-in centers.

Con Edison encourages customers to visit [coned.com/billhelp](http://coned.com/billhelp) for further information on eligibility and how to apply, and to learn more about additional assistance programs, like HEAP and Energy Share. This year, Con Edison has applied more than \$201 million in discounts for electric and \$40 million in gas discounts to low-income customers’ bills.

**MTA Reported:** Starting January 5, 2025, vehicles will be charged a toll to enter the Congestion Relief Zone (formal referred to as the Manhattan Central Business District) –the area of Manhattan south of and including 60<sup>th</sup> Street, excluding the FDR Drive, West Side Highway/Route 9A, and the Hugh L Carey Tunnel connections to West Street.

With revenue generated by the Congestion Relief Zone toll, millions of daily transit riders will benefit from more accessible stations, modern signal systems, hundreds of new electric buses, and other critical improvements that keep our system in good working condition and make taking mass transit more comfortable. For drivers, fewer vehicles on the road will mean faster trips and less time wasted in traffic, while pedestrians and cyclists will enjoy safer, quieter streets.

**Department of Sanitation (DSNY) Reported:** The NYC Bin is the official bin exclusively for one- and two-family homes and properties with up to 9 residential units to set out their trash. City agencies, nonprofits, houses of worship, and professional offices in residential buildings are also required to use NYC Bins. They are available for purchase at a significantly lower price than similar bins at retail stores.

You can purchase NYC Bins at [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc) or by calling 1-855-NYC-BINS. They are also available at every Home Depot in New York City, for the same price offered online.

NYC Bins are exclusively available for NYC property owners and building managers and will only be delivered to addresses within the five boroughs.

## A Few FAQ's

- **Is the NYC Bin just for trash, or for all waste such as recycling and composting?**

Separate NYC Bins are available for purchase for recycling and composting, though they are not required.

- **How much is the NYC Bin?**

The NYC Bin is available at a significantly lower price than similar bins at retail stores. Pricing depends on the size. Details are available at [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc).

- **I already ordered NYC Bins on [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc). Can I pick up my bin at Home Depot instead?**

No. If you ordered bins through [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc), you will receive an email when your bin delivery is scheduled. Orders placed after October 1 will be delivered on a rolling basis.

- **Can I order bins for delivery through Home Depot?**

If you would like your NYC Bins to be delivered to your home, place your order at [www.bins.nyc](http://www.bins.nyc).

- **When do I need to start using the NYC Bin?**

- **November 12, 2024:** All properties with 1-9 residential units must use bins, 55 gallons or less, with secure lids for trash set out;
- **June 2026:** All properties with 1-9 residential units will be required to use the official NYC Bin for trash set out;

- **Who is required to buy the NYC Bin?**

Property owners and building managers of one- and two-family homes and properties with up to 9 residential units are responsible for purchasing NYC Bins for trash.

City agencies, nonprofits, houses of worship, and professional offices in residential buildings that receive DSNY collection are also required to use NYC Bins. Building managers must ensure there are sufficient bins to store all the trash produced by residents in their buildings.

- **Do I need to use a NYC Bin to set out my compost?**

You do not need to use a specific NYC Bin for composting, but they are available for purchase. Compost must be set out in sealed bins of 55 gallons or less. Curbside Composting service is now available to all NYC residents citywide. [Find out more about Curbside Composting.](#)

- **Penalties for Non-Compliance**

As of **November 12, 2024**, properties with 1-9 residential units must use bins, 55 gallons or less, with secure lids for trash set out

- **Warning Period**

A warning period will be in effect through January 2, 2025.

After the warning period, failure to use a bin that is 55 gallons or less with a secure lid for trash set out will result in fines:

- \$50 for the first offense
- \$100 for the second offense
- \$200 for the third and subsequent offenses

**DSNY** is proposing to amend its rules relating to infrequent generators of commercial waste to allow certain businesses to share containers, as well as to mandate waste surveys for private carters who utilize a “flat” billing method.

DSNY will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place via Microsoft Teams at 10:00AM on January 6, 2025 using the following link:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting\\_ZDc1YThjYjEtNWfkMy00YTRILWjOTktN2Q0MWFkZTRiYzI1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2232f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b15da66513bef%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221d3255a2-4904-4aaa-899e3f943348182b%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting_ZDc1YThjYjEtNWfkMy00YTRILWjOTktN2Q0MWFkZTRiYzI1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2232f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b15da66513bef%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221d3255a2-4904-4aaa-899e3f943348182b%22%7d)

**FDNY Reported:** More than one-third of home fires occur during the months of December, January and February. It's important to celebrate safely. Here are some safety tips to make sure you and your loved can be #FDNYSmart this holiday season:

### **Shop Smart When Purchasing Gifts**

- Beware of purchasing devices with dangerous, uncertified lithium-ion batteries. Uncertified lithium-ion batteries are illegal in New York City.
- Only buy certified lithium-ion batteries and devices, that are stamped with UL symbol. Certified lithium-ion batteries have been tested to meet national safety standards.
- Not all products sold online are certified. Carefully read the product listing, website and operating manual.

### **Christmas Trees**

- When picking a tree, shake it to check for dryness. If too many dry needles fall, choose a fresher tree.
- Cut trees 2 inches from the base of the trunk before placing the tree to help keep it fresher longer.
- Keep the tree at least three feet away from any heat source.
- Add water to the tree stand and water the tree daily.
- Dispose of the tree immediately after Christmas or when it becomes dry. Dried trees pose an increased fire hazard.

## **Decorations and Lighting**

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant, flame retardant, or created with noncombustible materials.
- Do not overload electrical outlets, extension chords and power strips.
- Turn off all lights before leaving the home or going to bed.
- Use lights and electrical decorations that are stamped with UL symbol.
- Inspect new and used lights before using them. Replace strings of lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Read instructions to learn the number of light strands you can safely connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights, so the cords do not get damaged.

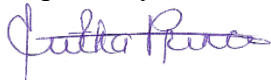
## **Candles**

- Use sturdy candle holders, with flame-protective non-combustible (glass or metal) shades or globes.
- Place candles at least four feet away from curtains, draperies, blinds, kitchen cabinets and bedding.
- Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- Extinguish candles when they burn within two inches of the holder.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Securing hair and clothing, such as sleeves or aprons, from the flame when handling candles.
- Keeping candles, matches and lighters, including lit memorial containers and Chanukah menorahs, out of reach of children

## **Cooking**

- Don't leave food cooking unattended; Stand by Your Pan!
- Keep the area around the stove clear of anything that could burn (paper towels, papers, potholders, etc.)
- Cook with indicated temperature settings, refrain from using higher temperature settings.
- In the event of a pot or pan fire, turn off the heat and cover it with a lid. Do not use water! It could cause splashing and spread the fire.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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