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**Emergency Operations Center Scales Back Activities**  
**Clean Operations Will Continue**  
**Trash and Recycling Collections Delayed**  
**Code Blue Remains in Effect**

PHILADELPHIA, PA –With the winter storm winding down, the City’s Emergency Operations Center has been scaled back to a situation room and is currently operating with Office of Emergency Management staff.

“I thank City workers for the great job they are doing fighting the storm,” said Mayor Michael A. Nutter. “I ask residents to be careful as they go out to clear sidewalks, dig out cars and go shopping.”

Commissioner Tolson also asks residents to continue to follow regulations so crews can continue to safely and effectively remove snow from the roadways:

- Park vehicles at least 20 feet from the corner, as required by law. Cars parked too close to the corner limit our ability to salt and plow roads.
- It is dangerous and illegal to shovel or plow snow into the street. Placing snow in the street after it has been cleared will create dangerous icy patches.
- Please place snow in a safe place on your property so that snow mounds do not obstruct the cleared pathway.
- Drive with caution as black ice is expected to form on the roadways.
- Clear a sidewalk path at least 30” wide within 6 hours of the end of the storm.
- Clear snow from neighborhood sewer drains to allow melting snow to drain.
- Stay tuned to local media for updates.
- Check on sick and elderly neighbors.

Streets Department crews will continue to focus their efforts on treating primary, secondary, hilly residential streets and other residential streets. Residents are asked to begin calling Monday to report a street in need of salting or plowing.

Streets Commissioner Clarena I.W. Tolson announced that trash and recycling will not be collected on Monday, December 21, so sanitation workers can contribute to snow removal operations. Residents should expect a one day delay in trash and recycling collections for the remainder of the week. Given that this Friday is also the Christmas holiday, residents with Thursday and Friday collection are asked to place their trash and recycling out for collection on Saturday. Streets Department sanitation crews will work over the weekend to collect the trash and recycling set out on Saturday. The challenging conditions may result in isolated collection delays over the next 7 to 10 days. The Streets Department anticipates the resumption of normal trash and recycling collection on the Monday following Christmas.

The Code Blue remains in effect to provide additional support to the homeless. If you see a homeless person in need of assistance, please call the Homeless Outreach Coordination Center at 215-232-1984.

Towing of vehicles from Snow Emergency Routes has been suspended. If your car was towed, call 215-686-SNOW for its location. Do NOT call 911.

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