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AMA ANNOUNCES FIRST 2026 NATIONAL SANITATION DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) wishes to inform the general public that the first National Sanitation Day (NSD) exercise to kick start the new year will be held across the metropolis on Saturday, 10th January 2026, from 6:00 a.m. until the work is completed.

The exercise, originally scheduled for Saturday, 3rd January 2026, was postponed to make way for Christmas and New Year trading activities in the Central Business District (CBD) of Accra.

The Assembly classifies this first NSD as strategic and urgent, as it kick-starts the new year immediately after a period of heightened commercial activity, increased waste generation, and greater pressure on the city's sanitation infrastructure.

Towards this end, all shops, markets, and business premises are to remain closed from 6:00 a.m. until the work is over to allow for full participation in communal labour, in accordance with the President's directive and the Accra Metropolitan Assembly (Communal Labour) Bye-Laws, 2017, enacted pursuant to Section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936).

To enhance cleanliness and protect public health, cleansing activities for the day will focus on desilting and cleaning of drains; sweeping of streets and lanes; removal of unauthorised banners and posters; and general clean-up of markets, lorry parks and public spaces. The operation will cover all electoral areas, communities, markets, and the Central Business District (CBD), with intensified work in the following key locations:

- **Cable and Wireless enclave in Okaikoi South**
- **Agbogbloshie Market and its surroundings**
- **The Central Business District (CBD) of Accra**

To ensure effectiveness, the AMA will deploy Public Health Officers (popularly called "Sama-Sama"), the Sanitation Taskforce, sweepers, and janitors across all sub-metros, supported by the necessary logistics and equipment to facilitate desilting, refuse collection, and safe disposal at approved sites.

The public is reminded that failure to comply with the sanitation directive or refusal to participate in communal labour constitutes an offence, punishable on summary conviction by a fine of up to one hundred (100) penalty units or imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days and not more than six (6) months, or both. Continuing offenders are liable to additional daily penalties.

The Assembly, therefore, urges all residents, traders, transport operators, market women, shop owners, landlords, tenants, and business entities to: fully participate in the clean-up within their immediate surroundings; ensure that drains in front of their premises are properly desilted; keep markets, lorry parks, beaches, and business frontages clean; and cooperate with AMA officers and the Sanitation Taskforce throughout the exercise.

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