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FINAL NATIONAL SANITATION DAY FOR 2025 TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER

The Accra Metropolitan Assembly (AMA) wishes to inform all residents, traders, shop owners, transport operators, and stakeholders that the third and final National Sanitation Day (NSD) exercise for 2025 will be held on Saturday, 13th December 2025, from 6:00 a.m. until the exercise is completed within the metropolis.

The exercise, originally scheduled for Saturday, 6th December 2025, was postponed due to activities marking the 41st National Farmers and Fishers' Day celebrations. It has now been rescheduled to this Saturday to ensure full public participation and effective enforcement.

This NSD has been classified as strategic and critical by the Assembly, as it is the last sanitation day for the year and comes ahead of the Christmas and end-of-year festivities, a period characterised by heightened commercial activity, increased waste generation, and greater pressure on the city's sanitation infrastructure.

In line 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), all shops, markets, and business premises are to remain closed from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to allow for full participation in communal labour.

Cleansing activities will include: desilting and cleaning of open and covered drains; brushing and washing of road kerbs and medians; sweeping of streets and lanes; removal of unauthorised banners and posters; and general clean-up of markets, lorry parks, beaches, and public spaces.

The operation will cover all electoral areas, markets, and the Central Business District (CBD), with intensified work in the following focal zones:

Chorkor & Chemu Naa: Desilting of drains and inner lanes, with attention to litter-prone areas.

Dogo Beach: Removal of solid waste along the shoreline and improvement of environmental hygiene at the beachfront.

Graphic Road Corridor & Agbogbloshie: Desilting of major drains, clearing refuse along road shoulders and markets, and removing indiscriminate dumping spots to improve sanitation and traffic safety.

To ensure effectiveness, the AMA will deploy teams of Public Health Officers, members of the AMA Sanitation Taskforce, and labourers, including sweepers and janitors, across all sub-metros. These teams will be supported with waste collection trucks, tippers, and other equipment to aid desilting, refuse collection, and transportation of waste to approved disposal 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 exercise.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, the AMA counts on the collective responsibility and civic duty of all who live and work in Accra to make this third National Sanitation Day exercise a success and to keep Accra clean, liveable, and resilient for all.

SIGNED.

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