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## Nearly 5,000 Residents Attended Queens SAFE Disposal Event

### Event Provided Residents Drop-Off Disposal of Potentially Harmful Household Items

Nearly 5,000 residents brought potentially harmful household materials to the Queens SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal event, held Saturday, April 30, at the Cunningham Park baseball field parking lot. Many residents brought electronic waste, which due to a New York State law, cannot be disposed of at the curb.

“We are pleased to see how popular our SAFE Disposal Events have become,” said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. “Many of us have harmful products under the sink, in the back of a closet, or on a shelf in the garage. SAFE Events are a safe, responsible way to ensure these harmful items are disposed of properly.”



Residents unable to attend these events should visit [www.nyc.gov/safedisposal](http://www.nyc.gov/safedisposal) or contact 311 for year-round options to handle items such as automotive products, batteries, cell phones, electronics, fluorescent lamps, latex paint, mercury devices, and syringes.

Materials collected are either recycled, blended for fuel, or sent to licensed hazardous waste treatment facilities for safe disposal.

Electronics are responsibly recycled or refurbished for reuse through [e-cycleNYC](http://e-cycleNYC.com).

Unwanted medications are managed by environmental police and incinerated to prevent unintentional poisonings or entry into the water supply.

### **About the New York City Department of Sanitation**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) promotes a healthy environment through the efficient management of solid waste and the development of environmentally sound long-range planning for handling refuse, including recyclables. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of 2,022 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 365 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,000 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.