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Fall 2017 SAFE Disposal Schedule Announced; Events Provide NYC Residents Easy Option for Disposal of Potentially Harmful Household Items

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced the second round of dates for the Department's SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal events. The events provide City residents with a one-stop drop-off to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products. The first round of events were held in the spring.

Household products such as **pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, and medications** may be brought to the drop-off events. Residents can also bring **electronics**, which may no longer be left for curbside collection due to a New York state law.

"Our SAFE Disposal events give city residents a quick, convenient way to dispose of potentially harmful products, the items many of us have under the sink, or in the back of a closet," said Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "We are also thankful to our partners for helping make these events a success year after year."

The fall 2017 SAFE Disposal events are:

- **Queens**
Saturday, September 9
Astoria Park, Parking Lot; Cars enter from Ditmars Blvd onto 21st Street
Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation
- **Brooklyn**
Sunday, September 17
Floyd Bennett Field; Flatbush Ave. and Marine Pkwy.
Cars enter along Flatbush Ave and make a left into the main entrance, immediately before the toll bridge
- **Manhattan**
Sunday, September 24
Union Square, North Plaza
South side of 17th St, between Park Ave South & Broadway
Cars approach from Park Ave South & 20th St
Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation

- **Bronx**
Saturday, October 7
Orchard Beach Parking Lot; follow Park Drive to the end
- **Staten Island**
Saturday, October 21
Midland Beach Parking Lot at Father Capodanno Blvd. and Hunter Ave.
Cars approach from Slater Blvd.

All events are rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Examples of Accepted Items

- Automotive products such as motor oil, transmission fluid, and auto batteries
- Personal care items like unwanted medicines or cosmetics
- Thermometers
- Syringes (clearly labeled and packaged in a “sharps” container or other leak proof, puncture-resistant container)
- Household products such as pesticides, paint, hazardous cleaners, compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Electronics, such as computers, televisions, and printers.

To identify harmful products, look for items marked DANGER, WARNING, POISON, or CAUTION. Please also bring other materials stored in your home that you know may be harmful. Only NYC residential waste will be accepted. Last year, more than 1,110 tons of material was collected.

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](#).

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

DSNY relies on several partners and contractors to make these events a success, including the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Floyd Bennett Field, Covanta Energy, Electronic Recyclers International, and Veolia ES Technical Solutions.

For those unable to participate in these events, visit www.nyc.gov/safedisposal or contact 311 for other year round options to handle auto products, batteries, cell phones, electronics, fluorescent lamps, latex paint, mercury devices, and syringes.

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 689 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.