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NYC Sanitation Organics Updates #inTheBronx

New Drop-Off Sites, Curbside Collection Expansion, Apartment Building Enrollment

WHAT: The New York City Department of Sanitation continues to expand its food scrap, food soiled-paper and yard waste collection program, collectively known as organics, in the Bronx. This material is not trash; it is valuable and can be turned into compost, a soil amendment that creates healthier soil, or natural gas.

To provide residents with additional outlets to recycle their organic material, the DSNY will be expanding drop-off sites within the Bronx, as well as expanding the curbside collection of organic material to new Bronx neighborhoods. Additionally, the Department is encouraging large apartment buildings to join the program. Placing food scraps in locking containers, instead of flimsy plastic bags, removes the food source from rats, raccoons and other critters. More information at nyc.gov/organics.

WHO: Kathryn Garcia, Sanitation Commissioner
Emily Bachman, Compost Program Manager, GrowNYC
Eileen Torres, Executive Director, BronxWorks
Kathy Vazquez, Project Coordinator, NYC Compost Project hosted by The New York Botanical Garden

WHEN: Wednesday, May 24
5 p.m.

WHERE: BronxWorks Fresh Food Box
1130 Grand Concourse
Bronx. NY

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 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.