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Spring SAFE Disposal Events Start Soon!

First Event is Sunday, April 1 on Staten Island; Events Give Residents an Easy Way to Dispose of Potentially Harmful Household Items

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced its spring 2023 SAFE Disposal (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Events schedule. The events provide city residents an easy way to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products. The first event of the season will be held Sunday, April 1 at the Midland Beach parking lot on Staten Island.

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 collected with trash and other recycling, due to a New York state law. **Only city residential waste will be accepted.**

The Department will hold five SAFE Disposal events this spring, one in each borough. All events are rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The spring events are:

Saturday, April 1 - Staten Island

Midland Beach Parking Lot 8
Father Capodanno Boulevard & Hunter Avenue
Vehicle entrance accessible from Slater Boulevard

Sunday, April 16 - Brooklyn

Brooklyn Cruise Terminal
Vehicle entrance at Clinton Wharf
Pedestrian walk-in area available

Saturday, April 29 - Bronx

Orchard Beach Parking Lot
Vehicle entrance at Park Drive (end of road)

Saturday, June 3 - Queens

Astoria Park Parking Lot
Vehicle entrance accessible from Ditmars Boulevard to 21st Street

Pedestrian walk-in area available

Sunday, June 11 - Manhattan

Columbia University/Teacher's College

W. 120th Street between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue

Vehicle entrance accessible from Seminary Row to Amsterdam Avenue

Pedestrian walk-in area available

To identify harmful products, look for items marked DANGER, WARNING, POISON, or CAUTION.

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.

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 [ecycleNYC](#). 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, Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, Columbia University/Teacher's College, Covanta Energy, Citiwide Professional Services Inc., ERI, and Veolia ES Technical Solutions.

For those unable to participate in these events, visit www.nyc.gov/safedisposal or contact 311 for additional disposal options.

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 705 salt 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. The Department runs a portfolio of programs and facilities to help New Yorkers more sustainably manage waste.