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Holiday Gift Guide Released by NYC Department of Sanitation and donateNYC

Get Unique Gifts at Second-Hand Stores!

Looking for that perfect and unique gift this holiday season? Consider one of the City's many second hand stores! To help with the quest for the perfect gift, the New York City Department of Sanitation, along with donateNYC, have released their Holiday Gift Guide featuring second-hand items!

To make your zero waste holiday shopping easier, the guide highlights examples of unique finds offered by donateNYC Partner stores. Second hand stores typically offer designer clothing, upcycled jewelry, vintage housewares, refurbished electronics, and more. And when you shop at non-profit second hand stores, the purchase helps further their mission! Shopping second hand also helps the city reach its goal of sending zero waste to landfills.

Last year, donateNYC and its partners kept more than 98 million pounds of unwanted items away from landfills. Plus, the resale of these items helped provide programs and services to more 1.5 million people.

"While the holiday season is a time of giving, shopping at a donateNYC partner thrift store or reuse center, can also save you money, reduce waste, and support critical social service providers with your purchase," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "Whether you are looking for the designer clothing for the fashionista in your life, or vinyl records for the music lover, donateNYC Partners have something for everybody on your list."

The full donateNYC Holiday Gift Guide is available online.

Looking to take advantage of second-hand shopping year round? Find donateNYC Partner stores and other reuse locations year-round by downloading the donateNYC app available on both <u>Android</u> and <u>iOS</u>.

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 695 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.