



# sanitation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 2, 2019

CONTACT: [pressoffice@dny.nyc.gov](mailto:pressoffice@dny.nyc.gov)/ 646-885-5020

Press Release #19-56

[www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation)

## **Bronx and Eastern Queens Residents: Curbside E-Waste Collection is Coming to You!**

### **Curbside Collection Program of Electronic Items Now Available to All Eligible 1-9 Unit Buildings in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.**

The New York City Department of Sanitation today announced the expansion of curbside electronics collection to the Bronx and eastern Queens. Residents can make an appointment for curbside collection of unwanted electronics items covered under the New York State electronics disposal ban. This announcement continues the expansion of the Department's curbside electronics collection program, which is now available in all neighborhoods in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island and is just one of many options available to city residents.

The latest communities to be added to the expansion include all community boards in the Bronx, and Queens Community Boards 7,8,10,11,12,13 and 14. The curbside electronics collection program is available to residents of 1-9 unit buildings within the designated boroughs. Residents living in buildings with 10 or more units can enroll in cycleNYC, a free, in-building e-waste collection program for large buildings.

“We are excited to be able to continue to expand our curbside collection of certain e-waste and make it available to all communities in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island,” said **Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia**. “Electronics often contain harmful materials, including lead, mercury and cadmium. We want to keep these toxins from polluting the air, soil, and water. Our curbside collection program, along with our cycleNYC initiative, drop off locations and special events, give residents across the city a number of options when looking to dispose of their e-waste.”

To request an appointment, residents can call 311 or go to [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics) starting Monday, September 30th. Pickups will take place Monday through Friday, except city holidays. Items must be placed at the curb; Sanitation Workers cannot enter private property. After collection by Sanitation, Veolia Environmental Services and ERI remove the e-waste for proper and safe recycling.

Not all items with a plug are considered covered e-waste. Covered items include:

- Televisions (including cathode ray tubes)
- Computer peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Monitors, laptops
- Electronic keyboards
- Electronic mice and other pointing devices
- Fax machines, document scanners, and printers that are meant for use with a computer and weigh less than 100 lbs.
- TV peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- VCRs
- Digital video recorders
- DVD players
- Digital converter boxes
- Cable or satellite receivers
- Electronic or video game consoles
- Small-scale servers
- Portable devices, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Portable digital music players

Other mostly plastic and metal items such as fans, toasters or vacuums are able to be placed with regular recycling.

Before making an appointment for curbside collection, residents should consider selling or giving away unwanted, but working, electronic items. For information on donation options, visit [nyc.gov/donate](http://nyc.gov/donate).

Residents with electronic items may also visit our Special Waste Drop-Off locations or attend one of our SAFE Disposal Events. Both accept e-waste covered by the NYS law. More information is available at [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics).

“Today’s announcement of the expanded curbside electronics collection program confirms the Department of Sanitation’s commitment to environmental sustainability,” said **Council Member Antonio Reynoso**. “Now, thanks to the expansion, all Bronx residents and an increased number of Queens residents will be able to take advantage of the City’s curbside collection of electronics. The expansion of this program will offer residents a more convenient way to ensure that harmful materials stay out of our general trash refuse and recycling streams all while helping to meet our City’s Zero Waste goals.”

“When I worked with Commissioner Garcia to launch the pilot program for eWaste Curbside Pickup on Staten Island three years ago, we believed there was a real need for this service not just in my borough, but across the city. After collecting more than 100,000 eWaste items and keeping tons of toxic materials out of our landfills and our environment, the success of this program has proven that we can provide this service efficiently and relatively inexpensively,” said **City Council Minority Leader Steven Matteo**. “I applaud the Department of Sanitation for

their outstanding work on eWaste collection and strongly encourage residents to take advantage of this great program.”

“Expanding the Department’s e-waste curbside collection program will provide Northeast Queens residents with a convenient avenue to recycle their unwanted electronics and keep toxins out of New York landfills," said **Council Member Paul Vallone**. "This is an important change for my District's senior and homebound residents, who, until now, were faced with the challenge of transporting these items to disposal events and drop-off sites. I thank Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia for her attention to this issue and I look forward to continued partnership with the Department in improving quality of life for all.”

“I am thrilled that curbside collection of certain e-waste will be available to all the communities in the Bronx!” said **Council Member Andrew Cohen**. “It is important that our harmful materials are disposed of properly to protect our environment and our health- but for so long it has been a burden to do so. Now that my constituents can simply schedule an appointment and their e-waste will be dealt with, I hope that proper disposal of harmful products will increase dramatically. Thank you to NYC Department of Sanitation for expanding this important service.”

"Queens Community Board 7 has advocated for the expansion of curbside e-waste pickup for all of Queens since the NYC curbside pilot program began in Staten Island three years ago," said **Chuck Apelian, Vice Chairman of Queens Community Board 7**. "Curbside pickup allows responsible citizens of Community Board 7 and the rest of Queens a convenient way to properly dispose their obsolete electronic equipment. This will translate into the recovery and responsible recycling of millions of pounds of e-waste that previously had been stored in Queens homes because homeowners did not know how to correctly dispose of it."

“We are honored to continue to be part of this constructive collaboration and this historic and successful partnership with the great city of New York,” said **John Shegerian, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of ERI**. “The curbside pickup program is yet another advancement and added convenience to a residential program that already regularly provides responsible, effective recycling for millions of New Yorkers’ electronic waste. It’s rewarding to be able to help so many in our city do the right thing and collect and responsibly recycle their e-waste and keep toxic electronics out of New York landfills!”

### **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 693 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.