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Bronx SAFE Disposal Event is Saturday, May 5; Provides Residents Easy Option for Disposal of Potentially Harmful Household Items

Event will be in the Orchard Beach Parking Lot

City residents wanting to dispose of potentially harmful household materials may do so at the Department of Sanitation's Bronx SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal event, held Saturday, May 5. The drop-off event will be held at the Orchard Beach parking lot, rain-or-shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents driving to the free event should follow Park Drive to the end.

Examples of accepted items include:

- 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
- Certain electronics, such as computers, televisions, and printers.

Only city residential waste will be accepted.

The Department will hold ten SAFE Disposal events this year, two per borough, during the spring and fall seasons. Upcoming events include:

- Staten Island - Saturday, April 28
Midland Beach Parking Lot, Father Capodanno Blvd & Hunter Ave
Cars approach from Slater Blvd
- Bronx - Saturday, May 5
Orchard Beach Parking Lot
Follow Park Drive to the end
- Manhattan - Sunday, May 20
West 120 St between Broadway & Amsterdam Ave
Cars approach from West 122 St down Amsterdam Ave

Events were previously held in Brooklyn and Queens.

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, Columbia University, Teachers College, 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 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.