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Fall 2022 SAFE Disposal Events Starting Soon!

First Seasonal Event is Sunday, September 18 in Manhattan; Give Residents Easy Way to Dispose of Potentially Harmful Household Items

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced the fall 2022 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, September 18 in Manhattan in Union Square.

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 fall, one in each borough. All events are rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fall events are:

Manhattan - Sunday, September 18

Union Square, North Plaza

South side of 17th St, between Park Ave South & Broadway

Cars approach from Park Ave South & 20th St.

Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation

Brooklyn - Sunday, September 25

Floyd Bennett Field

Flatbush Ave/Marine Pkwy

Cars enter along Flatbush Ave and make a left into the main entrance, immediately before the toll bridge

Queens – Saturday, October 8

Cunningham Park, Ball Field Parking Lot

Cars enter on Francis Lewis Blvd between Union Turnpike & Grand Central Parkway

Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation

Staten Island – Saturday, October 15

Midland Beach Parking Lot 8

Father Capodanno Blvd. and Hunter Ave.
Cars approach from Slater Blvd

Bronx - Saturday, October 22

Orchard Beach Parking Lot
Follow Park Drive to the end

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, National Park Service, 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.