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Calling All Artists: Paint A DSNY Collection Truck! “Trucks of Art” Highlights Sustainability and Honors New York’s Strongest

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced **Trucks of Art**, the opportunity for artists to creatively paint a collection truck, is back!

Trucks of Art is open to all artists – professional, amateur and aspiring. Priority will be given to proposals that encourage New Yorkers to use litter baskets and recycling or those that honor DSNY’s Essential Workers. To promote sustainability, artists are challenged with using paints that would otherwise be discarded or recycled.

“Sanitation’s fleet is part of our cityscape – and we’re thrilled for New York City artists to transform collection trucks into roving works of art that will add a bit of flair to our neighborhoods,” said **Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch**. “We’re excited for local artists to be using our ‘canvasses’ to encourage New Yorkers to keep our City clean.”

Those interested in applying should email a brief description of their idea with design mock-ups and why they’d like to be selected, along with contact information and a short biography to TrashTalk@dsny.nyc.gov. Full details of the **Trucks of Art** project, including full submission information is available in the Request for Expressions of Interest available at <http://nyc.gov/truckart>.

All submissions must be emailed by **Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 11:59pm**. The Department will choose finalists and provide paint. The Department will provide access to the trucks for painting in late September and early October.

Non-artistic New Yorkers can also be involved. The Department is asking residents to support this initiative by dropping off their unwanted paints (cans, sprays, tubes) at an upcoming [SAFE Disposal Event](#) or the Department’s [Special Waste Drop-off Locations](#). Artists will select the paints they’ll need, and the rest will be recycled or properly disposed.

This is the Department's second Trucks of Art program. Learn more about the [2019 Trucks of Art program](#) and see photos of the painted trucks in the [Request for Expressions of Interest](#).

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.