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SAFE Disposal Events are Back!

Events Give Residents Easy Way to Dispose of Potentially Harmful Household Items

New in 2021 – Registration is Required

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced the fall 2021 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.

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 and residents interested in attending must register in advance for a time slot.**

“After a COVID-related postponement, we are thrilled to bring back our SAFE Disposal events this fall,” said Sanitation Commissioner Edward Grayson. “Residents know these events as a quick and easy way to dispose of their potentially harmful products. While residents will need to register in advance this year, we are looking forward to seeing many of our neighbors take full advantage of them.”

During fall 2021, the Department will hold five SAFE Disposal events, one in each borough. All events are rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fall events are:

Manhattan - Sunday, September 19

Registration Required! Register at: on.nyc.gov/SAFE-MN

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 26

Registration Required! Register at: on.nyc.gov/SAFE-BK

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 9

Registration Required! Register at: on.nyc.gov/SAFE-QNS

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 16

Registration Required! Register at: on.nyc.gov/SAFE-SI

Midland Beach Parking Lot:

Father Capodanno Blvd. and Hunter Ave.

Cars approach from Slater Blvd

Bronx - Saturday, October 23

Registration Required! Register at: on.nyc.gov/SAFE-BX

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](https://www.nyc.gov/ecycle). 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, 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 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/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.