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DSNY Unwraps Two Gifts for New Yorkers:

Popular Special Waste Drop Off Sites to be Open Twice as Many Hours Per Week; New Textile Drop-Off Bins Installed in Each Borough

Just in time for the holiday season, the New York City Department of Sanitation is offering New Yorkers a gift: more opportunities to get rid of the items they no longer want – and in a responsible way!

Starting Thursday, December 26, City residents looking to take advantage of the Department's beloved Special Waste Drop-Off sites can now bring their electronics, paint, batteries, and other potentially harmful items cluttering their homes to one of the sites Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This schedule more than DOUBLES the hours the sites were previously open – giving more residents more chances to dispose of certain household items that require special handling.

"So many of us have that broken printer collecting dust in the corner of our homes," said **Acting Sanitation Commissioner Javier Lojan**. "Maybe you've got a bag full of special use batteries, too. These are potentially dangerous items that don't belong in the back of a collection truck. By expanding hours and days that these sites are open, we're making it easier for New Yorkers to do the right thing."

Special Waste Drop-Off Sites are located at:

- Bronx Hunts Point Farragut Street and the East River, next to the Fulton Fish Market
- Brooklyn Greenpoint
 459 North Henry Street (drop-off site near 530 Kingsland Avenue)
- Manhattan Lower East Side/Two Bridges
 74 Pike Slip between Cherry Street and South Street
- Queens College Point 30th Avenue, between 120th and 122nd Streets
- Staten Island Fresh Kills
 Off Muldoon Avenue exit of the southbound West Shore Expressway

These Special Waste Drop-Off Sites accept numerous items, such as:

- Batteries, including automotive, rechargeable (such as small sealed lead acid batteries, Li-Ion, Ni-MH, Ni-ZN, Ni-Cd) and single-use (such as alkaline and lithium primary).
- Motor oil and transmission fluid (up to 10 quarts per visit)
- Motor oil filters (up to two filters per visit)
- Fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs
- Paint (up to five gallons per visit)
- Mercury-containing devices (up to two per visit)
- Passenger car tires (up to four per visit)
- Electronics (covered by the NYS disposal ban)
- E-cigarettes/vape pens

Additionally, to help New Yorkers clear out their closets, the New York City Department of Sanitation will now host five new textile collection bins at Sanitation garages. The bins are accessible from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Residents may bring:

- Clothing,
- Shoes,
- accessories such as hats, pocketbooks, backpacks, belts and gloves,
- linens.
- and other fabric-based items such as luggage and stuffed animals.

The sites are located at Sanitation garages in:

- Bronx 1635 East 233rd Street, Bronx, NY 10475
- Brooklyn 1824 Shore Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11214
- Manhattan 2495 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10035
- Queens 153-67 146th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434
- Staten Island 2500 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314

These two new service options bring the Department in compliance with Local Law 88 of 2023 and provide a convenient and accessible way for New Yorkers to keep special material types out of the regular trash. For additional information on how to dispose of different items, residents can use the How to Get Rid Of tool at nyc.gov/dsny.