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## **Queens SAFE Disposal Event is Saturday, April 21; Provides Residents Easy Option for Disposal of Potentially Harmful Household Items**

### **Event will be in the Astoria Park Parking Lot**

City residents wanting to dispose of potentially harmful household materials may do so at the Department of Sanitation's Queens SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal event, held Saturday, April 21. The drop-off event will be held at Astoria parking, rain-or-shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents driving to the free event should enter from Ditmars Blvd onto 21st Street. There will be a walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation.

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
- 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:

- Queens - Saturday, April 21  
Astoria Park, Parking Lot  
Cars enter from Ditmars Blvd onto 21st Street
- 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

An event was previously held in Brooklyn.

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](http://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.