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# **DSNY Announces Next Round of SAFE Disposal Events**

# More than 14,000 Residents Brought more than 1.3 Million Pounds of E-Waste, Harmful Household Waste and Unwanted Medications to First Round of Events

More than 14,000 residents brought potentially harmful household materials to the five citywide SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal events held earlier this year. In partnership with NYC Parks & Recreation, Columbia University, NYPD, Veolia and ERI, the New York City Department of Sanitation collected more than 1.3 million pounds of electronics, harmful household materials and unwanted medications.

"Every year, more and more residents attend our SAFE Disposal Events," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "These events provide a safe and convenient option for New Yorkers to dispose of their old computers and TVs, as well as other harmful household products, like household chemicals, paints and medications."

The next five SAFE Disposal events will be:

#### Bronx

Saturday, August 13 Fordham University Parking Lot on Southern Blvd Cars approach from Bedford Park Blvd

## • Brooklyn

Saturday, August 27 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, September 17 Astoria Park Parking Lot - Hoyt Ave and 19th Street Cars enter from Ditmars Blvd onto 21st Street

#### Manhattan

Sunday, September 25 Union Square North Plaza South of 17th St between Park Ave & Broadway Cars enter at Park Ave & 18th St

### • Staten Island

Saturday, October 22 Midland Beach Parking Lot - Father Capodanno Blvd and Hunter Ave Cars approach from Slater Blvd

Residents unable to attend these events should visit <a href="www.nyc.gov/safedisposal">www.nyc.gov/safedisposal</a> or contact 311 for year-round options to handle items such as automotive products, batteries, cell phones, electronics, fluorescent lamps, latex paint, mercury devices, and syringes.

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 <u>e-cycleNYC</u>.

Unwanted medications are managed by environmental police and incinerated to prevent unintentional poisonings or entry into the water supply.

# **About the New York City Department of Sanitation**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) promotes a healthy environment through the efficient management of solid waste and the development of environmentally sound long-range planning for handling refuse, including recyclables. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of 2,022 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 365 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,000 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.