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NYC Department of Sanitation Announces Expanded Special Waste Collection Services for Staten Island Residents

Residents Will Have Access to Curbside Collection of Textiles and Batteries, in Addition to Already Collected Electronics

To help Staten Island residents more easily dispose of their unwanted textiles and batteries, the New York City Department of Sanitation is announcing the launch of a pilot program to pick up these items “on demand” with an appointment-based collection service. Appointments may be booked starting September 1 for collection beginning September 12. The Department already offers a similar program for electronic waste covered under the New York State disposal ban.

“We are thrilled to add additional special waste items to an already successful e-waste collection program,” said **Sanitation Commissioner Jessica Tisch**. “The e-waste collection program has been very well received, and successfully picked up tons of unwanted electronic items from Staten Island residents. Importantly, this pilot is using existing funding, in a more innovative and effective way – a win-win for residents, the City and the environment.”

Staten Island residents wishing to get rid of their unwanted textiles and batteries can make an appointment for collection at nyc.gov/SpecialWastePickUp. Residents simply enter their address along with the type of material they want collected. Items should be set out in a clear plastic bag, or, if a single item is too large, set directly on the curb. Sanitation Workers will collect the items, from the curb, on the appointed day. Staten Island residents may also call 311 to request this service.

What's Included:

- **Batteries** – All kinds of batteries, including alkaline/single-use batteries, rechargeable batteries, and car batteries, as well as devices such as cell phones or power tools that contain a battery that cannot be easily removed.
NOTE: Before setting batteries out, residents should put tape on the battery terminals to help prevent fires and keeps our Workers safe. If a battery is bulging or leaking, it may be dangerous - call 911.
- **Textiles** – All types of textiles will be accepted, including clothing, shoes, linens and clean rags.
- **Electronics** – E-waste covered by the New York State ban, including computers, DVD players, TVs, printers and fax machines.

The Department will offer 375 appointments a week, Monday through Friday, and will operate rain or shine, with the exception of snow or extreme weather. Residents will be notified if their appointment must be rescheduled.

As part of this pilot, the Salvation Army will pick up textiles from Sanitation facilities before processing the items for reuse or recycling.

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.