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Manhattan SAFE Disposal Event is Sunday, October 15, 2023 at Union Square

Provides Residents Easy Option for Disposal of Potentially Harmful Household Items

City residents wanting to dispose of potentially harmful household materials may do so at the Department of Sanitation's Manhattan SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal event, to be held Sunday, October 15. The drop-off event will be at the Union Square, North Plaza, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents driving to the free event should approach from Park Avenue South & 20th Street. Walk-ins are welcome!

Residents may bring items such as:

- 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.

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.

For those unable to participate in these events, visit www.nyc.gov/safedisposal or contact 311 for options to handle auto products, batteries, cell phones, electronics, fluorescent lamps, latex paint, mercury devices, and syringes.

More information, with full list of accepted items, available at nyc.gov/SafeEvents.