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# **NYC Sanitation Celebrates National Thrift Store Day!**

On Monday, August 17, National Thrift Store Day, representatives from the **New York City Department of Sanitation, ReuseNYC** and **Housing Works** will be on hand at a Housing Works store to celebrate and encourage New Yorkers to consider buying items second hand. ReuseNYC is a program of the NYC Center for Materials Reuse, which is fully funded by the New York City Department of Sanitation.

ReuseNYC organized the first Thrift Store Day in New York City in 2013 to encourage second-hand shopping and to increase public awareness of the benefits of materials reuse. Shopping second-hand saves money, reduces waste to landfills, conserves resources, and helps to create "green" jobs.

### WHO:

Kathryn Garcia, Commissioner, Department of Sanitation David Raper, Senior Vice-President, Housing Works Benjamin Rose, Director of Operations, ReuseNYC

### WHERE:

Housing Works Thrift Store 119 Chambers Street New York, NY

#### WHEN:

Monday, August 17 1 p.m.

## **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.