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## South Brooklyn and Western Queens Residents: Curbside E-Waste Collection is Coming to You!

## Program Provides Curbside Collection of Electronic Items Covered Under State Disposal Ban

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that starting October 1, 2018, some residents living in south Brooklyn and western Queens community boards will be eligible to receive curbside collection of their unwanted electronics items that are covered under the NYS disposal ban. This announcement continues the expansion of the Department's e-waste curbside collection program, and is just one of many options available to city residents.

This expansion covers residents living in 1-9 unit buildings in Brooklyn Community Boards 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 and Queens Community Boards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9.

"We are excited to be able to continue to expand our curbside collection of certain e-waste," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "Electronics often contain harmful materials, including lead, mercury and cadmium. We want to keep these toxins from polluting the air, soil, and water. Our curbside collection program, along with our ecycleNYC initiative, drop off locations and special events, give residents across the city a number of options when looking to dispose of their e-waste."

To request an appointment, residents can call 311 or go to nyc.gov/electronics starting October 1. Pickups will take place Monday through Friday, except city holidays. Items must be placed at the curb, Sanitation Workers cannot enter private property.

Not all items with a plug are considered covered e-waste. Covered items include:

- Televisions (including cathode ray tubes)
- Computer peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Monitors, laptops
- Electronic keyboards
- Electronic mice and other pointing devices
- Fax machines, document scanners, and printers that are meant for use with a computer and weigh less than 100 lbs.
- TV peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- VCRs
- Digital video recorders
- DVD players

- Digital converter boxes
- Cable or satellite receivers
- Electronic or video game consoles
- Small-scale servers
- Portable devices, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Portable digital music players

Other mostly plastic and metal items such as fans, toasters or vacuums are able to be placed with regular recycling.

Before making an appointment for curbside collection, residents should consider selling or giving away unwanted, but working, electronic items. For information on donation options, visit nyc.gov/donate.

Residents with electronic items may also visit our Special Waste Drop-Off locations, or attend one of our SAFE Disposal Events. Both accept e-waste covered by the NYS law. More information is available at <a href="nyc.gov/electronics">nyc.gov/electronics</a>. Residents living in buildings with 10 or more units should enroll in ecycleNYC, a free, in-building e-waste collection program for large buildings.

After collection by Sanitation, ERI removes the e-waste for proper and safe recycling.

"We are honored to continue to be part of this constructive collaboration and this historic and successful partnership with the great city of New York," said John Shegerian, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of ERI. "The curbside pickup program is yet another advancement and added convenience to a residential program that already regularly provides responsible, effective recycling for millions of New Yorkers' electronic waste. It's rewarding to be able to help so many in our city do the right thing and collect and responsibly recycle their e-waste and keep toxic electronics out of New York landfills!"

## **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.