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## Queens SAFE Disposal Event is Saturday, September 17

### Event Provides Residents Easy Option for Disposal of Potentially Harmful Household Items

Residents looking to dispose of potentially harmful household materials may do so at the **Queens SAFE** (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Disposal event, held this **Saturday, September 17**, at the Astoria Park Parking Lot. Residents driving to the free event should enter from Ditmars Blvd onto 21st Street. The drop-off event is rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Household products such as **pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, and medications** may be brought to the drop-off event. Residents can also bring **electronics**, which may longer be left for curbside collection due to a New York state law.

To identify harmful products, look for items marked DANGER, WARNING, POISON, or CAUTION. Please also bring other materials stored in your home that you know may be harmful. Only NYC residential waste will be accepted.

“Our SAFE Disposal events give city residents a quick, convenient way to dispose of potentially harmful products, the items many of us have in under the sink, or in the back of a closet,” said Commissioner Garcia. “We are also thankful to our partners in helping make these events a success year after year.”

Events were held earlier this season in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Upcoming events include:

- **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

All events are rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Examples of Accepted Items**

- 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, spent compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Electronics, such as computers, televisions, and printers.

Residents unable to attend these events should visit [www.nyc.gov/safedisposal](http://www.nyc.gov/safedisposal) 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 [e-cycleNYC](http://e-cycleNYC.com).

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.