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Queens Spring 2022 SAFE Disposal Event This Weekend! **Late Afternoon Spots Still Available!**

Event Gives Residents Easy Way to Dispose of Potentially Harmful Household Items

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced the spring SAFE Disposal (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) event in Queens will be held this weekend at the Astoria Park Parking Lot. The event provides city residents an easy way to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products.

Household products such as pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, and medications may be brought to the drop-off events. Residents can also bring electronics, which may no longer be collected with trash and other recycling, due to a New York state law. **Only city residential waste will be accepted. Residents interested in attending must register in advance for a time slot; afternoon time slots are still available!**

The Department will hold five SAFE Disposal events this season, one in each borough. All events are rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Department previously held a spring event on Staten Island, in the Bronx and in Manhattan. The next events are:

Queens - Saturday, June 11

Registration Required! on.nyc.gov/SAFE-QNS

Astoria Park Parking Lot

Cars enter from Ditmars Blvd onto 21 St

Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation

Brooklyn - Sunday, June 19

Registration Required! on.nyc.gov/SAFE-BK

Brooklyn Cruise Terminal

Cars enter from Clinton Wharf

Walk-in area available for residents taking public transportation

To identify harmful products, look for items marked DANGER, WARNING, POISON, or CAUTION.

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

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 [ecycleNYC](#). Unwanted medications are managed by environmental police and incinerated to prevent unintentional poisonings or entry into the water supply.

DSNY relies on several partners and contractors to make these events a success, including the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Covanta Energy, Donia LLC, ERI, Ports America and Veolia ES Technical Solutions.

For those unable to participate in these events, visit www.nyc.gov/safedisposal or contact 311 for additional disposal options.

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.