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Bringing Back “Green” Programs!

NYC Sanitation Brings Back Popular Recycling Programs Following Closures and Cancellations During Height of the Pandemic

Following the unfortunate, but necessary closures and cancellations during the height of the pandemic, the NYC Department of Sanitation happily announces the return of three popular recycling programs –SAFE Disposal Events, the NYC Compost Project Master Composter Certificate Course, and the Zero Waste Building Maintenance Training Program.

“The return of these programs means three things for New Yorkers: A cleaner, safer, and healthier city for all,” said **New York City Mayor Eric Adams**. “From recycling to safe disposal of harmful materials to zero waste buildings, these initiatives will also help address climate change and educate more New Yorkers on the role we must all play protecting the planet. DSNY never stops ‘Getting Stuff Done’ for New York City, and I’m grateful for their continued commitment to New Yorkers.”

“We are overjoyed to be able to relaunch and bring back so many of our recycling-related programs,” said Sanitation Commissioner Edward Grayson. “These programs are part of who we are, part of what we do, and help contribute to a cleaner, greener City. It’s all part of keeping the City healthy, safe and clean. We invite everyone to take a look at what’s available and get involved!”

The Department’s **SAFE Disposal (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) Events** are again on the schedule for spring 2022 after returning in Fall 2021. The events provide city residents an easy way to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products including pesticides, strong cleaners, mercury-containing devices, paints, automotive fluids, medications and electronics. All events require pre-registration and are free. Events are listed below; learn more and register at nyc.gov/safedisposal.

- Staten Island – Saturday, May 7 - Midland Beach Parking Lot
- Bronx – Saturday, May 14 - Orchard Beach Parking Lot
- Manhattan - Sunday, June 5 - Columbia University/Teacher’s College
- Queens - Saturday, June 11 - Astoria Park Parking Lot
- Brooklyn - Sunday, June 19 - Brooklyn Cruise Terminal

Additionally, the Department is relaunching its nationally recognized **NYC Compost Project Master Composter Certificate Course**, an advanced compost education and outreach program designed to build a citywide network of educators, advocates and community composters to support Sanitation's composting initiatives. The free course requires seven workshops, two field trips and 30 volunteer hours for completion. Learn more and register at: <https://www.makecompost.nyc/mastercomposter>

Finally, the Department is relaunching its **Zero Waste Building Maintenance Training Program**. This free nine-hour training program supports building maintenance staff in improving building recycling and avoiding fines, while leveraging a peer-to-peer network to share best practices and provides a virtual field trip to Sims recycling facility to understand where all the recycling material goes. Learn more and register at: nyc.gov/zerowastetraining.

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.