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100,000 Electronics Items Collected via NYC Sanitation's Curbside Collection Program

Program Gives Residents Easy Way to Dispose of E-Waste; Began on Staten Island in 2016

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced that 100,000 e-waste items have been collected, and properly recycled, in the Department's curbside e-waste collection program.

City residents cannot dispose of unwanted televisions, computers and other e-waste with their trash and recycling, due to New York State laws. Electronics often contain valuable materials, like gold and copper, as well as harmful materials, including lead, mercury and cadmium. Recycling electronic waste not only keeps these toxins from polluting the air, soil, and water, it also reduces energy and water use associated with manufacturing new materials.

The Department's on-demand collection program provides residents with yet another easy option for properly disposing of unwanted e-waste items. Residents can request curbside pick-up of their covered items at nyc.gov/electronics or with a phone call to 311.

The Department's curbside e-waste collection program began as a pilot on Staten Island in October 2016 and has since expanded to include Brooklyn and parts of Queens.

"Electronics have no place in our waste stream. They contain both valuable resources and potentially harmful materials, and City and State law require that they be recycled properly," **said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia**. "We are pleased to celebrate this milestone of 100,000 electronic items collected in our curbside program. Council Member Matteo was instrumental in bringing the curbside electronic waste collection program to Staten Island, and thanks to his dedication and the support of residents on Staten Island and now in parts of Brooklyn and Queens, we are able to provide residents with another way of safely and easily disposing of their unwanted electronics."

The curbside collection of electronic waste has been crucial for Staten Island and our City as a whole," **said Minority Leader Steven Matteo**. "Before we instituted this curbside pickup recycling program, e-waste either ended up in our landfills or being dumped in our borough's natural areas. We needed a way to protect our environment and give residents an easy way to dispose of their old electronics, and we were lucky to have a willing and able partner in Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. Together, we worked to resolve this problem step-by-step, and now, what was originally a pilot program for Staten Island is well on its way to helping New Yorkers across this City. Exceeding 100,000 electronic items collected is proof that this program is both popular and effective, and I look forward to the continued partnership with Sanitation in improving the quality-of-life of us all."

“We are honored to be part of this constructive collaboration and this historic and successful partnership with Staten Island and the great city of New York,” said **John Shegerian, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman of ERI**. “The curbside pickup program and its 100,000 devices collected are 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 a humbling and rewarding experience to be able to help so many in our city do the right thing and collect and responsibly recycle their e-waste – the fastest growing waste stream in the world today – and keep toxic electronics out of New York landfills!”

Items included in the curbside e-waste collection program 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 options for residents include the e-cycleNYC program, which brings units convenient, in-building collection boxes to residents in apartment buildings with 10 or more units. New Yorkers can also donate working electronics through DonateNYC (www.nyc.gov/donate) and can recycle unwanted electronics at household hazardous waste drop-off sites and SAFE Disposal Events in all five boroughs.

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.