

Spring 2012

NYC SAFE Disposal Events

(Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, Electronics)



when & where:

All events will be held from **10am to 4pm** (rain or shine)

Sunday April 22 10am-4pm	Manhattan	Union Square, North Plaza <i>south of 17th St between Park Ave & Broadway</i> <i>cars enter at Park Ave & 18th St</i>
Saturday April 28 10am-4pm	Queens	St. John's University, Alumni Hall Parking Lot <i>corner of Utopia Parkway & Union Turnpike</i> <i>cars enter at gate 4 on Union Turnpike & 175th St</i>
Sunday May 6 10am-4pm	Brooklyn	Prospect Park, Park Circle <i>corner of Parkside Ave & Prospect Park SW</i> <i>cars enter from Parkside Ave</i>
Saturday May 12 10am-4pm	Bronx	Lehman College, South Lot <i>on Goulden Ave, south of Bedford Park Blvd West</i>
Saturday May 19 10am-4pm	Staten Island	Staten Island Mall, Parking Lot F <i>near main entrance, 2655 Richmond Ave</i>



See inside for details!

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Commonly used household products can be harmful to you, your family, your pets, city workers, and the environment if improperly stored, used, or discarded. The NYC Department of Sanitation is holding five SAFE disposal events this spring (one in each borough) to provide NYC residents with a one-stop method to get rid of potentially harmful household products.

who can participate

Only NYC residential waste will be accepted at these NYC SAFE disposal events (no business or institutional waste permitted). No commercial vehicles allowed. Residents **MUST** provide proof of NYC residency.

what to bring

automotive

antifreeze
auto batteries ● ✗
motor oil ● ✗
oil filters ●



household cleaners

ammonia
bleach
cleaners (strong)
metal polish
oven cleaner
rubbing (isopropyl)
alcohol



personal care

medications ●
medications (controlled) ✗
mercury thermometers ● ✗
mothballs
nail polish
nail polish remover
syringes/sharps ●



housewares

fluorescent lamps and CFLs ●
fuel (lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene)
household batteries ●
mercury thermostats ● ✗
paint ●
paint thinner and paint products
pesticides/herbicides/insecticides
pool chemicals
rechargeable batteries ● ✗
smoke detector
turpentine



hobby supplies

glues
photo chemicals



electronics

cell phones ●
computers & peripherals ●
mice/keyboards ●
monitors ●
printers ●
scanners ●
portable devices ●
e-readers ●
mp3 players ●
tablets ●
televisions and peripherals ●
cable/satellite receivers ●
DVD players ●
DVRs ●
VCRs ●
video game consoles ●



● alternative disposal options exist

✗ cannot be discarded
in the trash or recycling

See "tips & alternatives" on next page.

Above is a **partial list** of the types of items that will be accepted at the NYC SAFE disposal events. When deciding what items to bring, look for products labeled with the following signal words: **DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION**. Products labeled DANGER represent the highest hazard level. Please also bring any other materials stored in your home that you know may be harmful.

For all items, please read "how to package materials" (see next page).

Items such as alkaline batteries and latex (water-based) paint no longer contain harmful materials and can be discarded in the trash. Latex paint must be dried out before the empty can is recycled; visit nyc.gov/wasteless/paint for reuse options.

how to package materials

For safety reasons, please take the following precautions:

1. **Do not mix** different or unknown materials together.
2. **Read container label** instructions carefully for safe handling and transport guidelines.
3. **Ensure products are properly labeled.** Bring products in their original labeled containers. If this is not possible, label all unidentified containers so that it's clear what they contain or where the container came from. Alternatively, label the container "unknown."
4. **Check containers** to make sure lids are tight. If they are leaking, pack in a larger container and use an absorbent material, such as kitty litter or newspaper, to soak up excess fluid.
5. **Do not transport open containers** of any flammable, corrosive, or toxic chemical.
6. **Stand containers upright in a sturdy box** to prevent spillage.

what happens to this stuff

Depending on the product, materials collected will either be recycled, blended for fuel, or sent to licensed hazardous waste treatment facilities for safe disposal.

Electronics will be responsibly recycled or refurbished for reuse through a manufacturer-funded program.

Cell phones will be donated to the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, through the Verizon Wireless Hopeline Program.

All data will be removed from electronics and cell phones before processing.

Unwanted medications will be managed by environmental police and incinerated to prevent accidental poisonings or entry into the water supply.

poison help hotline

If you think a family member (or pet) has been exposed to a harmful product, call the NYC Poison Control Center Hotline at **1-800-222-1222**. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



tips & alternatives

- Use non-toxic products whenever possible. For more info: nyc.gov/wasteless/harmful
- When purchasing harmful household products, buy the right amount so you don't have excess materials to discard. For more info: nyc.gov/wasteless/harmful
- You may be able to return some harmful household products and electronics directly to manufacturers or retailers through take-back programs. For more info: nyc.gov/wasteless/takeback
- You can bring some harmful household products to DSNY household special waste drop-off sites. For more info: nyc.gov/wasteless/specialwaste
- Except for items banned from disposal, and when there are no other options, **small quantities** of most harmful household products can be dried up and discarded as trash. For more info: nyc.gov/wasteless/disposal

event organizers

These events are organized and funded by the **NYC Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling**.

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