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WHAT TO DO WITH HARD-TO-RECYCLE ITEMS IN NYC

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**IF YOU DON'T KNOW IF AN ITEM IS ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION (DSNY), GO TO THEIR WEBSITE:
<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>.*

**CALL ORGANIZATIONS BEFORE BRINGING OR SENDING MATERIALS.*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- *Big Reuse*, (718) 725-8925, <https://bigreuse.org/> (Composting, donations, store for salvaged & surplus building materials, appliances & furniture).
- *FreeCycle.org*; www.freecycle.org; freecyclenewyorkcity-moderator@yahoogroups.com (Online materials exchange).
- *GrowNYC*, (212) 788-7964; www.grownyc.org. ("Stop N' Swap" goods exchanges, composting, textiles)
- *Lower East Side Ecology*, (212) 477-4022; www.lesecologycenter.org. (E-Waste collection, composting)
- *NYC Department of Sanitation*, call 311; <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>. (For more on recycling collection schedules, NYC recycling information and laws, and other ways to reduce the waste stream)
- *Upper Green Side*; www.uppergreenside.org, uppergreenside@gmail.com. (Upper East Side recycling)
- *Upper West Side Recycling*; <https://www.uwsr.org/>; info@uwsr.org. (Publisher of the *UWSR Eco Letter*)

- *WeHateToWaste.com*, (212) 879-4160; <http://www.wehatetowaste.com/>.

BATTERIES & LIGHTING (see also Household Hazardous Waste)

Batteries: All rechargeable batteries must be recycled; you can bring them back to most stores that sell them. Many jewelers accept button cells. Cover contacts of rechargeable batteries with tape before recycling. Lead-acid car batteries must be accepted by the retailers that sell them. Non-rechargeable batteries (alkaline) can be brought to DSNY SAFE Disposal sites (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>)

LED and Fluorescent Light Bulbs: These can be brought to DSNY SAFE Disposal sites (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>)

Businesses must recycle fluorescent bulbs.

- *Big Reuse*, <http://www.bigreuse.org>. Non-profit retail outlet for salvaged or surplus building materials, lighting and appliances. Drop-off center is located in Brooklyn (One 12th Street, Brooklyn; 718-725-8925; brooklyn@bigreuse.org). Pickup and deconstruction services are available for large quantities.
- *NYC Department of Sanitation*, call 311 for information, instructions and locations of sites and events; <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>. *Special Waste Sites* (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>) are: (1) In Manhattan, 74 Pike Slip [between Cherry and South Streets under the Manhattan Bridge]. (2) in the Bronx, Hunts Point, Farragut Street and the East River, next to the Fulton Fish Market (enter on Farragut Street, off Food Center Drive). Both locations accept the following batteries: automotive, rechargeable (lead acid, Li-Ion, Ni-MH, Ni-ZN, Ni-Cd), and single-use (alkaline, lithium); follow preparation instructions [here](#). Sites are open from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, except legal holidays and severe weather.
- *Home Depot*, 980 Third Avenue (59th St.), (212) 888-1512; 40 West 23rd Street, (212) 929-9571; www.homedepot.com. (Accepts bagged, unbroken CFLs and all flashlight-type batteries)
- *NYC Department of Sanitation*, 74 Pike Slip (between Cherry and South Streets under the Manhattan Bridge); open 10am-5pm Saturdays and last Friday of the month, except legal holidays; call 311; <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>. (Accepts and recycles bagged fluorescent lights, as well as all batteries; call for locations and hours)
- *Olde Good Things*, 333 West 52nd Street, New York NY 10019, 212-989-8814; <http://ogtstore.com/antique-store-nyc-broadway/>. (Reclaimed lighting, building materials, hardware, furniture, antiques)
- *NYuBreakiFix*, 202 West 96th Street; (212) 903-4349; <https://www.ubreakifix.com>. (Accepts rechargeable batteries, cell phones)
- *Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation*, (877) 723-1297; www.call2recycle.org/newyork. (Lists stores that take rechargeable batteries in or near your zip code)
- *Staples*, 2248 Broadway, (212) 712-9617; 105 West 125th Street, (212) 864-5747; 1280 Lexington Avenue, (212) 426-6190; <https://staples.com/>; <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling>. (Accepts flashlight batteries, including rechargeable, single-use, and lithium batteries; these should be sorted by type of battery)

COMPOST (Disease-free food scraps and other plant matter only)

- *Avid Waste*, 718-991-9700, jokun@avidwaste.com. Provides food-scrap pickups up to three times per week for a fee.
- *Big Re-Use*, 718-725-8925, <https://www.bigreuse.org/service/compost/>. (Operates composting sites in Brooklyn and Queens)
- *Hell's Kitchen Commons Food Scrap Drop Off*, 212-477-4022, <https://www.leseecologycenter.org/compost/>, Mathews Palmer Park, 445 West 45th Street (between 9th & 10th Avenues); opened daily 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- *Lower East Side Ecology*, (212) 477-4022; www.leseecologycenter.org. (Year-round food scraps and plant matter drop-off sites in lower Manhattan; workshops; composting containers.) Sites closest to the Upper West Side are: West 23rd Street and 8th Avenue, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mathews-Palmer Park, 437 West 45th Street (bins are located inside the park gate under mosaic panels to right of the Parkhouse door), Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Mondays 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- *Mr. T Carting*, 718-821-9706 x 122; <https://mrtcarting.com/>. (Provides food-scrap pickups up to 59th Street for a fee.)
- *NYC Department of Sanitation*, call 311; <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/residents/curbside-composting.page>. (Free pick-up of leaf and yard waste, food scraps, and food-soiled paper from residential buildings.)
- *Vokashi Kitchen Waste Solutions*, 718-623-2515; <https://vokashi.com/>, vokashi@gmail.com. (A micro-hauler that picks up food scraps from residential buildings in NYC and Westchester County for a fee.)

COMPUTERS, CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

As of April 1, 2015, it became illegal to put E-Waste into your trash. Also, manufacturers are required to accept computer equipment at no charge in New York State. For further information, see www.nyc.gov/nycwasteless/electronics.

A. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND RECYCLERS

- *All of Us Clothing*, 505 Fifth Avenue; (212) 328-4012; customerservice.us@stories.com; (Accepts toys & small appliances; Pickup Service call (516) 309-9040)
- *Amazon.com*, www.amazon.com/trade-in. (You can get a store credit when you trade in electronic equipment.)
- *The Fourth Bin*, 708 Third Avenue, 646-747-5985, (855) ECYCLE1; www.4thbin.com; ecyclenow@4thbin.com. (Accepts computers and peripherals, TVs, other small electronic equipment and phones; will pick up from businesses or residences for a fee)
- *Gazelle.com*, 800-GAZELLE; www.gazelle.com. (Buys and sells used cell phones and laptops)
- *Goodwill*, 1496 1st Avenue, (646) 374-0269, and 1114 1st Avenue, (212) 355-5206; www.goodwillnynj.org. (Accepts small amounts of a variety of computers and peripherals, TVs [flat screen only], cell and wall phones and other small electronic equipment and some small appliances; items must be in working condition; pick-ups for large quantities from organizations; call first.)

- *Greenchip Electronic Waste Solutions*, 540 Kingsland Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11222, (718) 349-2620; www.greenchiprecycling.com. (Picks up E-Waste for a per-pound fee)
- *Habitat for Humanity Restore*, 62-01 Northern Boulevard, Woodside, NY, (646) 876-9460; <https://habitatnycwc.org/restore>, restore@habitatnyc.org (Accepts furniture, flooring, appliances, tools, plumbing, lighting and electrical goods; will pick up)
- *House of Good Deeds*, 330 East 65th Street, (917) 325-4548; <https://houseofgooddeeds.org/>, info@houseofgooddeeds.org (Accepts new and like-new clothing, shoes, housewares, small appliances, toiletries, and cleaning supplies)
- *iFixit* provides advice via the internet for those who like to repair things themselves, as well as components and repair manuals for almost anything, including computers and other electronic devices; (866) 613-4948; <https://www.ifixit.com/info>
- *Materials for the Arts*, 33-00 Northern Blvd., Long Island City, NY 11101, (718) 729-3001; <https://www.materialsforthearts.org/>. (Accepts newer computer systems in working condition [up to 5 years old only] and other electronic equipment; will pick up)
- *NYC Department of Sanitation (e-cycle NYC)*, call 311; <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/get-rid-of/electronics.page>. (Free pickup of E-Waste from residential buildings with ten or more units)
- *nycRecycleMe.com*, (347) 690-5670; <http://www.nycrecycleme.com/>. (Accepts computers, flat screen monitors or TVs, CD/DVD media and portable electronics such as phones or tablets (no CRT monitors or CRT TV's please. Call or e-mail to schedule a pickup or get more information, nycrecycleme@gmail.com)
- *Per Scholas*, 804 East 138th Street, #2, Bronx, NY 10454, (718) 991-8400, www.perscholas.org. (Picks up computer systems, including monitors, components and cell phones for a fee, depending on quantity and quality; free IT training courses)
- *Pickup Please*; (800) 775-8387; <https://pickupplease.org/newyorkcity/> (Free pickup of books, clothing, shoes, furniture, small appliances, electronics, and accessories; proceeds support veterans)
- *Salvation Army*, <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/greater-new-york/>; Store at 536 West 46th Street (212-757-2311). To arrange pickups <https://satruck.org/>, 800-728-7825.
- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, Amsterdam Avenue and 97th Street; (212) 932-8040, ext 230; open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed-Sun (call first); <https://holynamenyc.org/stfrancisthrift-store>
- *Staples*, 2248 Broadway, (212) 712-9617; 105 West 125th Street, (212) 864-5747; 1280 Lexington Avenue, (212) 426-6190; <https://staples.com/>; <https://www.staples.com/deals/it-s-recycling-day-every-day/B13000592>. (Accepts a variety of electronic equipment, computers and peripherals, video and audio equipment, cameras, as well as some small appliances)
- *United War Veterans Council*, 201 Varick Street 10014, <https://uwvc.org/recycle/>. (Will pick up computers and other electronic goods, including small appliances; can be mixed with other household items; no minimum quantity, though they prefer at least one bag or box)

B. MANUFACTURER AND RETAIL TAKE-BACK PROGRAMS

- **Best Buy Stores.** Uptown locations: 1280 Lexington Avenue (86th St.), (917) 492-9959; 531 Fifth Avenue (between 44th and 45th Streets), 212-808-0309; www.bestbuy.com. (Accepts a wide variety of electronic equipment, computers and peripherals, video and audio equipment, ink and toner cartridges, cameras, as well as some appliances such as fans, vacuum cleaners and hairdryers; haul away service for some larger items; call first)

- *Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation*, (877) 723-2925; www.call2recycle.org. (Lists cell phone recycling retail locations)
- *Staples*, 2248 Broadway, (212) 712-9617; 105 West 125th Street, (212) 864-5747; 1280 Lexington Avenue, (212) 426-6190; <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling> (Accepts a variety of electronic equipment, computers and peripherals, ink-jet and toner cartridges; cables, shredders, video and audio equipment, cameras, phones, and cases, as well as some small appliances)
- *Take-Back or Drop-Off*: Free mail-back options – the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation maintains a website <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/82084.html> that lists manufacturers that take back unwanted electronics.
- *Verizon*, www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline. (Accepts used cell phones and accessories at their stores)

C. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENTS

- *Broadway Green Alliance*, <https://www.broadwaygreen.com/bga-events/>. (Hosts electronic-waste and textile recycling events twice a year in Times Square)
- *NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY)*, <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/community-reuse-recycling-events.page>. (DSNY holds E-Waste recycling events in every community board district in New York City)
- *Lower East Side Ecology*, (212) 477-4022; www.lesecologycenter.org. (Hosts E-Waste recycling events during the year throughout Manhattan; be sure to check with them before bringing in items to be sure they're accepted)

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS AND MEDICAL WASTE

- *Bethlehem Apparatus Co., Inc.*, 890 Front Street, PO Box Y, Hellertown, PA 18055; (610) 838-7034 [phone]; (610) 838-6333 [fax]; <https://www.bethlehemapparatus.com/>. (Recycles mercury thermometers, fluorescent lamps [large and CFL's], and batteries [small alkaline and button cells])
- *CVS Pharmacies* and *Duane Reade* have large containers for the safe disposal of medications (pills, capsules, salves, etc.) No sharps permitted.
- *Jewish Community Chapel*, 630 Amsterdam Avenue (91st Street); *please call first* at (212) 769-4400. Working with the Afya Foundation in Yonkers (<https://afyafoundation.org/>). (Accepts usable medical equipment and supplies, including items used in hospice care, with the exception of bedding.)
- *NYC Department of Sanitation*, call 311 for information, instructions and locations of sites and events; <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>. Holds SAFE Disposal Events and also has Special Waste Sites. SAFE Disposal Events accept all potentially harmful products including paint, oil, pharmaceuticals, sharps, batteries, pesticides, light bulbs, cleaners and other materials. The Special Waste Sites (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>) are: (1) In Manhattan, 74 Pike Slip [between Cherry and South Streets under the Manhattan Bridge]. (2) in the Bronx, Hunts Point, Farragut Street and the East River, next to the Fulton Fish Market (enter on Farragut Street, off Food Center

Drive). Both locations accept latex paint, motor oil and filters, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, thermostats and mercury-containing devices on a weekly basis. Sites are open from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, except legal holidays and severe weather.

PAPER SHREDDING

- *AARP Paper Shredding*; <https://states.aarp.org/new-york/join-aarp-ny-at-shredding-events-across-the-state>
- *Paper shredding events on the Upper West Side*: Assemblymembers Micah Lasher [tel: (212) 866-3970], Linda Rosenthal [tel: (212) 873-6368] and Councilmember Gale Brewer [tel: (212)-873-0282] periodically sponsor paper shredding events. Call them for more information.
- *Paper shredding events on the Upper East Side*: <https://thisweekatthemarket.wordpress.com/>
- *Shred Nations*,
- *Staples*, 2248 Broadway, (212) 712-9617; 105 West 125th Street, (212) 864-5747; 1280 Lexington Avenue, (212) 426-6190; <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling> (Cost per pound)
- *Time Shred Services*, (855) 857-4733, 212-359-0643; www.timeshred.com.
- *UPS Stores*; charges per pound; stores are independently owned so check with specific locations about their services.
- www.nyc.gov/ShredFest. (Yearly paper shredding events in each borough)

PLASTIC

All *rigid (non-film) plastic*, except Styrofoam, is now collected by the NYC Department of Sanitation. This includes CDs and DVDs and their cases: Cases can be recycled with metal, glass, and plastic; Disks should be discarded as garbage. *Info*: Call 311 or <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>.

Plastic bags are required to be accepted for recycling in stores of more than 10,000 sq. ft. and with more than five NYC locations.

A. CDs, DVDs AND CASSETTE TAPES (Call first)

- *GreenDisk*; (800) 305-3475; <http://www.greendisk.com/>. (You can mail smaller quantities of CDs, cassettes, DVDs to them for a set fee; arrangements can be made for them to pick up larger quantities.)
- *Housing Works*, 306 Columbus Avenue between 74th & 75th Streets, (212) 579-7566; and 2569 Broadway between 96th & 97th Streets, (212) 222-3550; www.housingworks.org.
- *Salvation Army*, <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/greater-new-york/>; store at 536 West 46th Street (212-757-2311). To arrange pickups, see <https://satruck.org/>
- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, Amsterdam Avenue and 97th Street; (212) 932-8040, ext 230; open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed-Sun (call first); <https://holynamenyc.org/stfrancisthrift-store>
- *Unique Boutique Thrift Store*, 487 Columbus Avenue; (212) 362-8877; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., daily.

- *Westsider Books*, 2246 Broadway, (between West 80th and 81st Streets), (212) 362-0706; <http://westsiderbooks.com>

B. MISCELLANEOUS

- *Ashley Polymers*, 5114 Fort Hamilton Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11219, (718) 851-8111; www.ashleypolymers.com; mail@ashleypolymers.com. (Accepts 5-gallon polycarbonate bottles from water coolers as well as items made of nylon and other plastic resins; will pick up in large quantities)
- *DeliverZero*, <https://www.deliverzero.com/> (takeout and delivery in reusable containers you can return)
- *Home Depot*, 980 Third Avenue (at 59th Street), (212) 888-1512; 40 West 23rd Street, (212) 929-9571; www.homedepot.com. (Accepts shrink wrap and plastic flowerpots)
- *Plastic Film Recycling*, <http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/> for drop-off locations for plastic film (including bags); many large grocery stores accept plastic bags and film.

TEXTILES

A. FABRIC, SHEETS, CLOTHING, SHOES, ETC.

- *2nd Street*, 2875 Broadway (between West 111th and 112th Streets) and 2519 Broadway (94th Street), <https://ec.2ndstreetusa.com/>; (Secondhand designer shops)
- *All of Us Clothing*, 505 Fifth Avenue, (212) 328-4012; customerservice.us@stories.com. (Accepts any old textiles to be recycled as insulation material for the construction materials industry; fleece, carpet underlay, etc.; no shoes or sneakers. Pickup service, call (516) 309-9040)
- *BraCycle* is a NYC-based nonprofit organization that collects gently worn bras and fits women experiencing homelessness; <https://www.bracycle.com/>.
- *Cathedral Community Cares*, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), (212) 316-7490; <https://www.stjohndivine.org/education-outreach/cathedral-community-cares>. (Accepts gently used casual and business attire.)
- *Columbia Impact Food Pantry*, 616 West 114th Street (between Broadway and Riverside Drive), (212) 854-6310; <https://www.communityimpact.columbia.edu/content/food-pantry>. (Clothing, housewares, fresh food, and dry goods)
- *Columbus Amsterdam BID*, info@columbusamsterdambid.org; (212) 666-9774. (Bins are set out for textiles on Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at 106th Street and Amsterdam Avenue and in front of the BID office at 991 Amsterdam Avenue [between 108th and 109th Streets]; dirty or torn textiles are okay.)
- *Emerson Recycling*, 65 Emerson Place, Brooklyn, NY 11205; (718) 622-1799. (Accepts mixed textile cuttings from companies and ships them overseas for reprocessing and reuse; picks up for free or for a per-pound fee, depending on quality and quantity)

- *Goodwill*, 1496 1st Avenue, (646) 374-0269, and 1114 1st Avenue, 212-355-5206; www.goodwillnyny.org. (Accepts clothing and other textiles, shoes, etc.; will site containers in large residential buildings; pick-ups for large quantities from organizations; call first.)
- *Green Tree Textiles*, Morningside Park Down to Earth Farmers Market, 110th Street and Manhattan Avenue; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., mid-April to mid-December; <https://www.greentreetextiles.org/farmersmarkets/> (Accepts wearable clothing as well as textiles and clothing in poor condition, which are sourced to fiber and rag manufacturers)
- *Grow NYC*, (212) 788-7964; www.grownyc.org/clothing. (Textiles are accepted at the 77th/79th Street Greenmarket [77th St. between Columbus Ave. & Central Park West], Sundays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; and at Inwood Greenmarket (Isham St between Seaman Avenue and Cooper Street, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; also accepted at other Manhattan locations; *check website for hours and current status of various locations*)
- *House of Good Deeds*, 330 East 65th Street, (917) 325-4548; <https://houseofgooddeeds.org/>, info@houseofgooddeeds.org (Accepts new and like-new clothing, shoes, housewares, small appliances, toiletries, and cleaning supplies)
- *Housing Works*, 306 Columbus Avenue between 74th & 75th Streets, (212) 579-7566; and 2569 Broadway between 96th & 97th Streets, (212) 222-3550; www.housingworks.org. (Accepts used clothing, handbags, and shoes.)
- *Morningside Park Down-to-Earth Farmers Market* (110th & Manhattan Avenue). (Accepts textiles, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Saturdays.) *Info*: Down to Earth, <https://downtoearthmarkets.com/>
- *New York Cares Coat Drive*, 33 West 60th Street, 145 West 100th Street, (212) 228-5000, <https://www.newyorkcares.org/about> (New and gently used jackets and coats)
- *NYC Mamas Give Back*, 601 West 26th Street, Suite M287, New York, NY 10001; <https://www.nycmamasgiveback.org/>; info@nycmamasgiveback.org (accepts gently used clothing and other textiles and supplies for infants and young children in poor families)
- *One Warm Coat*, All Angels Church, 251 West 80th Street. cm@allangelschurch.com, <https://allangelschurch.com/community-ministries/donate/> (Accepts jackets and coats, t-shirts, pajamas, jeans and pants, work attire, underwear, socks, and shoes)
- *Pickup Please*; (800) 775-8387; <https://pickupplease.org/newyorkcity/> (Free pickup of books, clothing, shoes, furniture, small appliances, electronics, and accessories; proceeds support veterans)
- *popupswapX*, <https://www.popupswapx.com/events>. (Free events on the Upper West Side in Manhattan where they accept clean and useable items, including clothing and textile scraps; *no* furniture or large items; anything that has not been taken by the end of the day is either rehomed, repurposed, or recycled.)
- *re-fashionNYC*, call 311; www.nyc.gov/refashion. (A partnership between the NYC Sanitation Dept. and Housing Works; free pick-up of textiles – including lean rags, ripped and damaged material – from residential buildings with 10 or more units; DSNY sites small and large containers and Housing Works picks them up when they're full)
- *Salvation Army*, <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/greater-new-york>. Accepts wearable clothing, shoes and other textiles. Store at 536 West 46th Street (212-757-2311). To arrange pickups <https://satruck.org/>, 800-728-7825.

- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, Amsterdam Avenue and 97th Street; (212) 749-0276; open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed-Sun (call first), <https://holynamenyc.org/stfrancisthrift-store>. (Accepts clothing, furniture, household items, toys; NO books)
- *St. Mary's Episcopal Church*, 521 West 126th Street; (212) 864-4013; <https://stmarysharlem.org/thriftshop/>, parishoffice@stmarysharlem.org. (Accepts clothing, shoes, winter gear)
- *That Suits You*, <https://www.thatuitsyou.org/>. (Pickup in NYC and mail-in donations; accepts full suits, ties, tie clips, belts, and socks)
- *Unique Boutique Thrift Store*, (212) 362-8877, 487 Columbus Avenue. (Accepts books, clothing, shoes, furniture, household items, and toys).
- *United War Veterans Council*, 201 Varick Street 10014, <https://uwvc.org/recycle/>. (Will pick up clothing and other textiles [dirty or torn is okay]; can be mixed with other household items; no minimum quantity, though they prefer at least one bag or box.)
- *Wearable Collections*, (646) 515-4387; <https://www.wearablecollections.com/>. (Free pick-up of all textiles and shoes, except carpeting, from residential buildings, greenmarkets and community organizations; they will site a container in larger buildings or make a weekly pick-up of a minimum of 4-5 large bags of materials; pick-up days are scheduled according to zip code; contact them for more details)
- *WeCycle NYC*, (646) 922-8378, <https://www.wecyclenyc.com/about>. *Accepted:* Clothing (wearable and unwearable); shoes, purses, gloves, scarves, hats & belts; towels, curtains, bedding & linens; stuffed animals; clean rags; “wemailer” mail-in bags and labels are available online. Apartment pickup on regular schedule (5 garbage bag minimum; will site indoor bins of two sizes).

B. OTHER TEXTILES

- *Animal Care Centers of NYC*, 326 East 110th Street; (212) 266-7880; donate@nycacc.org; <https://www.nycacc.org/how-you-can-help>. (Accepts donations of bedding and linens, pet supplies, and unopened bags of pet food)
- *FABSCRAP*, <https://fabscrap.org/> (Pre-consumer textile scrap recycling and reuse service for businesses)
- *Fashion Institute of Technology*, 227 West 27th Street; 212-217-4100; fitfoundation@fitnyc.org. Clean fabric scraps can be donated for student use.
- *Good+ Foundation*, 306 West 37th Street, 8th floor; (212) 736-1777; <https://goodplusfoundation.org/>; info@goodplusfoundation.org. (Donations of infants’ and children’s supplies, toys, clothing; *items must be new*; already opened packages of diapers are okay, they will repackage)
- *Humane Society of New York*, 306 East 59th Street, 212-752-4842. <http://www.humanesocietyny.org/donations/>. (Accepts pillows, comforters and towels for animal bedding)
- *Materials for the Arts*, 33-00 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101; (718) 729-3001; <https://www.materialsforthearts.org/>. (Accepts art books and supplies, beads and jewelry, fabric and sewing notions, musical instruments, office supplies and paper, power tools and more; will pick up)

- *Mill Wiping Rags*, 1656 East 233rd Street, Bronx, NY. 718- 994-7100, <https://millwiping.com/>. Accept new or used textiles (including gloves) and reclaimed rags. Largest supplier of cleaning cloths and rags in the Northeast—they produce close to 4 million pounds per year.
- *Trans Americas Trading Corporation*, 50 Carol Street, Clifton, NJ 07014, (973) 778-4611, <https://tranclo.com/>. (Sorting, processing and sale of post-consumer textile waste, including secondhand/used clothing, vintage clothing, wiping rags, and materials for fiber recycling (over 16.8 million pounds recycled annually).

MISCELLANEOUS (NURSING HOMES AND SENIOR CENTERS OFTEN ACCEPT DONATIONS OF BOOKS OR MAGAZINES)

- *Afya Foundation*, 140 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, NY 10701; (914) 920-5081; info@afyafoundation.org; <https://afyafoundation.org/>. (Accepts usable medical equipment and supplies, including durable medical equipment [wheelchairs, walkers, etc.] and distributes them to domestic or international areas of need).
- *Animal Care Centers of NYC*, 326 East 110th Street; (212) 266-7880; donate@nycacc.org; <https://www.nycacc.org/how-you-can-help>. (Accepts donations of bedding and linens, pet supplies, and unopened bags of pet food)
- *Art Start Inc.*, 526 West 26th Street; (212) 460-0019; <https://www.art-start.org/> (Arts and craft supplies - call prior to drop-off)
- *Big Reuse*, <http://www.bigreuse.org>. Non-profit retail outlet for salvaged or surplus building materials, lighting and appliances. Drop-off centers are located in Brooklyn (One 12th Street, Brooklyn; 718-725-8925; brooklyn@bigreuse.org). Pickup and deconstruction services are available for large quantities.
- *Books Through Bars*, Brooklyn, NY, (212) 254-3697; www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org. (Donates books to prisoners)
- *Cardella Waste*, 2400 Tonnelle Avenue, North Bergen, NJ; (212) 594-7713; <https://www.cardellawaste.com>. (Construction waste recycling for NYC. Rent and pick up dumpsters of various sizes; recycle clean scrap sheetrock [gypsum wallboard] with US Gypsum in Denver, PA, where the paper is stripped off and recycled and the gypsum core is reused as additive to concrete, plaster, and stucco or as soil amendment. More info on sheetrock recycling: <https://gypsum.org/recycling-gypsum-wallboard/>
- *Clean Air Group*, <https://nyccag.com/used-cooking-oil-collection/>, 718-746-1497 (free used cooking oil collection)
- *Columbia Impact Food Pantry*, 616 West 114th Street (between Broadway and Riverside Drive), (212) 854-6310; <https://www.communityimpact.columbia.edu/content/food-pantry>. (Clothing, housewares, fresh food, and dry goods)
- *Cooper Recycling*, 123 Varick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, (718) 384-7727; <https://coopertankrecycling.com/> (Largest construction and demolition debris recycling facility in NYC). (Recycle clean scrap sheetrock with US Gypsum)
- *D’Addario’s Playback*, <https://www.daddario.com/playback/become-a-center/>. (Musicians can send in used metal and nylon guitar and orchestral strings for recycling; people can also sign up to be a public or private string recycler)
- *FreshDirect Reusable Bag Donation Program* (various locations in Upper Manhattan); freshdirectbags@gmail.com; <https://www.freshdirect.com/blog/donatebags/>

- *Good+ Foundation*, 306 West 37th Street, 8th floor, NYC; (212) 736-1777; <https://goodplusfoundation.org/>; info@goodplusfoundation.org; (Donations of infants' and children's supplies, toys, clothing; *items must be new*; already opened packages of diapers are okay, they will repackage)
- *Goodwill*, 1496 1st Avenue, (646) 374-0269, and 1114 1st Avenue, 212-355-5206; www.goodwillnynj.org. (Accepts a variety of household items; *no* furniture)
- *Habitat for Humanity Restore*, 62-01 Northern Boulevard, Woodside, NY; (646) 876-9460; <https://habitatnycwc.org/restore>, restore@habitatnyc.org (Accepts furniture, flooring, appliances, tools, plumbing, lighting and electrical goods; will pick up)
- *House of Good Deeds*, 330 East 65th Street, (917) 325-4548; <https://houseofgooddeeds.org/>, info@houseofgooddeeds.org (Accepts new and like-new clothing, shoes, housewares, small appliances, toiletries, and cleaning supplies)
- *Housing Works*, 306 Columbus Avenue between 74th & 75th Streets, (212) 579-7566; and 2569 Broadway between 96th & 97th Streets, (212) 222-3550; www.housingworks.org. (Accepts books, furniture and miscellaneous goods; *no* electronics or appliances; home pick-up available for furniture; call first)
- *iFixit* provides advice via the internet for those who like to repair things themselves, as well as components and repair manuals for almost anything, including computers and other electronic devices; (866) 613-4948; <https://www.ifixit.com/info>
- *Materials for the Arts*, 33-00 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101; (718) 729-3001; <https://www.materialsforthearts.org/>. (Accepts art books and supplies, beads and jewelry, fabric and sewing notions, musical instruments, office supplies and paper, power tools and more; will pick up)
- *Olde Good Things*, 333 West 52nd Street, New York NY 10019, 212-989-8814, <http://ogtstore.com/antique-store-nyc-broadway/>. (Reclaimed lighting, building materials, hardware, furniture, antiques)
- *PaintCare*, <https://www.paintcare.org/>. (Recycle leftover paint at drop-off sites located throughout New York)
- *Pedals for Progress*, High Bridge, NJ, (908) 638-8893; www.p4p.org; pdls4@comcast.net. (Accepts used bicycles and sewing machines)
- *Pickup Please*; (800) 775-8387; <https://pickupplease.org/newyorkcity/> (Free pickup of books, clothing, shoes, furniture, small appliances, electronics, and accessories; proceeds support veterans.)
- *Pop-up-Repair*, www.popuprepair.com/; fixit@popuprepair.com. (Can fix, alter, sharpen, shine, and polish almost anything.)
- *popupswapX*, <https://www.popupswapx.com/events>. (Free events on the Upper West Side in Manhattan where they accept clean and useable items, including clothing and textile scraps; *no* furniture or large items; anything that has not been taken by the end of the day is either rehomed, repurposed, or recycled.)
- *Recycle-A-Bicycle*, (718) 858-2972, <https://www.recycleabicycle.nyc/>. (Accepts donations of bicycles, sells refurbished bikes, and also offers full service repairs; located in Brooklyn but may do local pickups if a group collects five or more in one location)
- *Renewable Recycling*, 15 Main Street, East Rockaway, NY; (516) 612-0565; <https://renewablerecycling.com/>. (Mattress pick up service for a fee; they recycle mattress components)

- *Salvation Army*, <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/greater-new-york/>, store at 536 West 46th Street (212-757-2311); to arrange pickups <https://satruck.org/>.
- *St. Agnes Library*, 444 Amsterdam Avenue (between 81st and 82nd Streets); (212) 621-0619; <https://www.nypl.org/locations/st-agnes>. (Accepts up to 40 donated books any time library is open; receipts given 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)
- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, 202 West 97th Street; (212) 932-8040, ext 230; open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed-Sun (call first); <https://holynamenyc.org/stfrancisthrift-store>. (Accepts clothing, furniture, household items, toys; NO books)
- *Staples*, 2248 Broadway, (212) 712-9617; 105 West 125th Street, (212) 864-5747; 1280 Lexington Avenue, (212) 426-6190; <https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling> (Crayons, pens, marker, pencils, SodaStream CO2 cylinders.)
- *TerraCycle*, (609) 656-9050, (866) 967-6766; 121 York Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08638; <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>, customercare@terracycle.com. (Develops recycling solutions for waste that is hard to recycle—such as toothbrushes, plastic cutlery, wrappers, disposable gloves; these are processed into raw material that is then sold to manufacturing companies who produce a new end product. To use their service, select a Zero Waste Box, fill it with material and send it back to them.)
- *Unique Boutique Thrift Store*, (212) 362-8877, 487 Columbus Avenue. (Accepts books, clothing, shoes, furniture, household items, and toys).
- *United War Veterans Council*, 201 Varick Street, <https://uwvc.org/recycle/>. (Will pick up a variety of household items; no minimum quantity, though they prefer at least one bag or box.)
- *We Recycle Old Watches*; 4 Nancy Court, Huntington, NY 11743; (631) 629-1043, <https://werecycleoldwatches.com/our-services/>, helpearth@werecycleoldwatches.com (Recycle mechanical or quartz watches)
- *Whole Foods*, 808 Columbus Avenue, (212) 222-6160. (Accepts wine bottle corks – wood and plastic. You can also cut up wood corks into small pieces and put them with your food scraps for composting)

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