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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), CONTACT THEM ([SEE BELOW](#)).*

**CALL ORGANIZATIONS BEFORE BRINGING OR SENDING MATERIALS.*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- *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)
- *Morningside Heights-West Harlem Sanitation Coalition*, (212) 666-6157; Joan Levine, jslevine100@msn.com. (Recycling events and information)
- *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)
- *ReUse NYC Donations Exchange*, (212) 650-5832; <http://exchange.reusenyc.info/exchange/>. donations@reusenyc.info. (Materials exchange service for businesses and non-profits).
- *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.

Fluorescent Bulbs: Businesses must recycle fluorescent bulbs. Compact fluorescent light bulbs, which should be bagged, are called CFLs below.

- *Best Buy Stores*; www.bestbuy.com. Uptown locations: 1280 Lexington Avenue (86th St.), (917) 492-9959; 1880 Broadway (62nd St.), (212) 246-9734; 750 Seventh Avenue, (49th St.), (212) 265-3984. (Accepts flashlight-type rechargeable batteries)
- *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) and Queens (3-17 26th Avenue, Astoria; 718-777-0132; queens@bigreuse.org) accept materials. Pickup and deconstruction services are available for large quantities.
- *Christmas Light Source*, https://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program_c_210.html, (866) 926-4877. Recycle your used Christmas tree lights; then replace them with more efficient LEDs.
- *Eastern Environmental Technologies*, 47 Purdy Avenue, Port Chester, NY 10573, (914) 934-2100; (800) 808-7227; www.easternenvironmental.com. (Accepts and recycles bagged fluorescent lights, transformers and ballasts, as well as batteries on a fee basis; will pick up large quantities)
- *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://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>. (Accepts and recycles bagged fluorescent lights, as well as all batteries; call for locations and hours)
- *Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation*, (877) 723-2925; www.call2recycle.org/newyork. (Lists stores that take rechargeable batteries in or near your zip code)

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, ext 2, <https://www.bigreuse.org/service/compost/> (Composting site under the Queensborough Bridge) *(Currently inactive)*
- *Build It Green!NYC*, One 12th Street, Brooklyn (718) 725-8925 x2; www.bignyc.org; compost@bignyc.org. (Accepts food scraps at several Queens drop-off sites, does site visits for the DSNY organics Collection Program)

- *GrowNYC Greenmarkets*, (212) 788-7964; www.grownyc.org/compost. (Food scrap compost program at various Greenmarket and Compost-on-the-Go locations; see their website for times. On the Upper West Side: 79th Street Greenmarket [77th Street betw. Columbus Avenue and Central Park West], 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays; East 96th Street Food Scrap Drop-off, East 96th Street and Lexington Avenue, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Fridays; 97th Street Greenmarket [West 97th & Columbus Avenue], 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fridays; Columbia University Greenmarket [West 116th Street and Broadway], 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Sundays; Inwood Greenmarket, Isham Street and Seaman Avenue (north corner), 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturdays.; William B. Washington Memorial Garden, 321 West 126th Street, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fridays
- *Lower East Side Ecology*, (212) 477-4022; www.lesecologycenter.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 am.-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://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>. (Free pick-up of food waste from residential buildings with 10 or more units.)
- *Reclaimed Organics*, (347) 395-6377; <http://www.reclaimedorganics.org/>; info@ReclaimedOrganics.org. (Food-scrap drop-off site at 107th and Columbus Avenue)
- *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. Since April 2011, manufacturers have been 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.)
- *Computers for Youth*, 520 Eighth Avenue; (917) 677-5506; www.cfy.org; CFY-NYC@cfy.org. (Accepts newer PC systems from corporations and refurbishes them for reuse in schools and other non-profits; minimum of 50 pieces; will pick up)
- *E-Commerce/Goodwill*, (347) 218-2206. www.goodwill.org; Brooklyn NY. (Free pick-up of large quantities—100 pieces or more—of computers and peripherals, TVs, cell and wall phones, small appliances and other small 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*, www.gazelle.com. (Buys and sells electronic equipment.)

- *Goodwill*, 157 West 72nd Street, (212) 799-2723; 217 West 79th Street, (212) 874-5050; 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) 349-3094; 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*, 1 River Place (between 41st and 42nd Streets); (917) 325-4548; <https://houseofgooddeeds.org/>, info@houseofgooddeeds.org (Accepts new and like-new clothing, shoes, housewares, electronics, 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; info@mfta.nyc.gov; www.mfta.org. (Accepts newer computer systems in working condition [up to 5 years old only] and other electronic equipment; will pick up)
- *Non-Profit Computing*, (212) 759-2368; german63@hotmail.com. (Clearing house for a variety of computers, faxes, telephone systems and other electronic equipment)
- *NYC Department of Sanitation (e-cycle NYC)*, call 311 or (212) 437-4675; <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>. (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*, 1375 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx NY 10460, (718) 991-8400, (800)-877-4068; www.perscholas.org. (Picks up computer systems, including monitors, components and cells 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)
- *Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation*, (877) 723-2925; www.call2recycle.org. (Lists cell phone recycling locations)
- *Salvation Army*, 268 West 96th Street, NYC, 212-757-2311; www.salvationarmy-newyork.org. (Accepts small amounts of a variety of computers and peripherals, TVs, cell and wall phones and other small electronic equipment and some small appliances; call first. Free pick-up service is available at <https://satruck.org/> or call (212) 757-2311 or (800) 728-7825; items should be in working condition; two-bag minimum.)
- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, 217 West 96th Street, (212) 932-8040; open 12-6 pm, Wed-Sun (call first); (Accepts electronic goods)
- *United War Veterans Council*, (212) 693-1476; <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*, www.bestbuy.com. Uptown locations: 1280 Lexington Avenue (86th St.), (917) 492-9959; 1880 Broadway (62nd St.), (212) 246-9734; 750 Seventh Avenue (49th St.), (212) 265-3984. (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; call first.)
- *Staples*, www.staples.com. (Accepts computer equipment, ink-jet and toner cartridges; no TVs)
- *Verizon*, www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline. (Accepts used cell phones and accessories at their stores)

C. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- *Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell*, 245 West 104th Street; (212) 866-3970. (Office accepts used cell phones for re-use or recycling on an on-going basis.)
- *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.)
- *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.

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]; info@bethlehemapparatus.com. (Recycles mercury thermometers, fluorescent lamps [large and CFL's], and batteries [small alkaline and button cells])
- *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, pesticides, light bulbs, cleaners and other materials. The Special Waste Site in Manhattan at 74 Pike Slip [between Cherry and South Sts. under the Manhattan Bridge] accepts latex paint, motor oil and filters, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, thermostats and mercury-containing devices on a weekly basis. The site is open from 10am-5pm every Saturday and the last Friday of the month, except legal holidays. There is also another drop-off site in the South Bronx.)

PAPER SHREDDING

- *Paper shredding events on the Upper West Side:* Assemblymembers Daniel O'Donnell [tel: (212) 866-3970], Linda Rosenthal [tel: (212) 873-6368] and Councilmember Helen Rosenthal [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/>
- *Time Shred Services*, (800) 989-8463, (718) 875-1299; www.timeshred.com.
- 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.

CDs, DVDs and Cassette Tapes

- *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.)
- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, 96th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue, 212-932-8040; Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed Mondays)
- *Salvation Army*, 96th Street between Broadway & West End Avenue, 212-757-2311; Monday-Tuesday/Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (closed Sundays)
- *Westsider Books*, 233 West 72 Street, <http://westsiderbooks.com>, (212) 874-1588. Buy or sell CDs

Miscellaneous

- *Ashley Resins*, 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)
- *Mail Boxes, Etc.* and *UPS Stores* (various locations), (800) 789-4623. (Accepts expanded polystyrene [Styrofoam] peanuts and other packaging material)
- *Plastic Film Recycling*, <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/> for drop-off locations for plastic film (including bags); many large grocery stores accept plastic bags and film.

TEXTILES: FABRIC, SHEETS, CLOTHING, ETC. - No carpet recycling in NYC.

Wearable clothing may also be donated to thrift shops—see below.

A. RECYCLERS

- *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, and many other things. Pickup Service call (516) 309-9040)
- *Animal Care Centers of NYC*, 326 East 110th Street; (212) 266-7880; donate@nycacc.org; https://www.nycacc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/Wish_List_handout_revised_June2018.pdf (Accepts donations of bedding and linens, pet supplies, and unopened bags of pet food)
- *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)
- *FABSCRAP*, 110 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10001; (929) 276-3188; <https://fabscrap.org/> (Textile recycling and reuse service for businesses)
- *Green Tree Textiles*, Morningside Park Down to Earth Farmers Market, 110th Street and Manhattan Avenue; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Mid-April-Mid-December; <https://www.greentreetextiles.org/farmersmarkets/>
- *Grow NYC*, (212) 788-7964, (212) 788-7964, (212) 788-7476; www.grownyc.org/clothing. (Textiles are accepted at the 77th/79th Street Greenmarket [77th St. betw. Columbus Ave. & Central Park West], Sundays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; and at Columbia University Greenmarket [Broadway and 116th St.], Sundays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; also accepted at Inwood and other Manhattan locations; *(check website for hours and current status of various locations)*)
- *House of Good Deeds*, 1 River Place (between 41st and 42nd Streets); (917) 325-4548; <https://houseofgooddeeds.org/>, info@houseofgooddeeds.org (Accepts new and like-new clothing, shoes, housewares, electronics, toiletries, and cleaning supplies)
- *Materials for the Arts*, 33-00 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101; (718) 729-3001; info@mfta.nyc.gov; www.mfta.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)
- *Morningside Park Down-to-Earth Farmers Market* (110th & Manhattan Avenue). (Accepts textiles, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Saturdays.) *Info: [Down to Earth](#).*
- *re-fashionNYC*, call 311; www.nyc.gov/refashion. (A partnership between the NYC Sanitation Dept. and Housing Works; free pick-up of textiles from residential buildings with 10 or more units)
- *United War Veterans Council*, (212) 693-1476; <https://uwvc.org/recycle/>. (Will pick up clothing and other textiles; can be mixed with other household items; no minimum quantity, though they prefer at least one bag or box.)
- *Wearable Collections*, (646) 515-4387; www.wearablecollections.com. (Free pick-up of all textiles, 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)

B. THRIFT SHOPS ON UPPER WEST SIDE AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

- *Cathedral of St. John the Divine Clothing Closet*, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (112th Street), (212) 316-7540; <http://www.stjohndivine.org/social/nutrition-health-clothing-center/clothing-closet>; ccc@stjohndivine.org. (Accepts gently used casual and business attire.)
- *Center at the Red Oak*, 135 West 106th Street, (212) 749-7015, <https://www.wsfssh.org/senior-center/>
- *Goodwill*, 157 West 72nd Street, (212) 799-2723; 217 West 79th Street, (212) 874-5050; www.goodwillnynj.org. (Accepts clothing and other textiles, shoes, etc.; will site containers in large residential buildings; pick-ups for large quantities from organizations; call first.)
- *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.
- *Humane Society of New York*, http://www.humanesocietyny.org/donations/wish_list.php (accepts pillows, comforters and towels for animal bedding)
- *New York City Rescue Mission*, <http://nycrescue.org/give>, (646) 362-3157. (Organizes distribution of pillows, comforters, clothing, footwear and towels to homeless shelters)
- *NYC Mamas Give Back*, 44 Wall Street, A Level, New York, NY 10005; <https://www.nycmammagiveback.org/>; info@nycmammagiveback.org (accepts gently used clothing and other textiles and supplies for infants and young children in poor families)
- *ReUse NYC Donations Exchange*, (212) 650-5832; <http://exchange.reusenyc.info/exchange/donations@reusenyc.info>. (Materials exchange service for businesses and non-profits).
- *Salvation Army*, 268 West 96th Street, 212-757-2311; www.salvationarmy-newyork.org. (Free pick-up of clothing, other textiles, shoes, etc. is available at <https://satruck.org/> or call (212) 757-2311 or (800) 728-7825; items should be wearable or useable; two-bag minimum.)
- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, 217 West 96th Street, (212) 932-8040; open 12-6 pm, Wed-Sun (call first); (Accepts used clothing)
- *St. Mary's Episcopal Church*, 521 West 126th Street; (212) 864-4013; <https://stmarysharlem.org/>, parishoffice@stmarysharlem.org, (Accepts clothing, shoes, winter gear)
- *Unique Boutique Thrift Shop*, 487 Columbus Avenue; (212) 362-8877 (Accepts men's and women's clothes, accessories)

CARPETING

- *CarpetCycle*, 360 West 1st Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203; tel: (973) 732-4858; www.carpetcycle.com; info@carpetcycle.com. (Removes and recycles old carpet tiles and padding from commercial buildings for a fee)

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

- *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, and many other things. Pickup Service call (516) 309-9040)

- *Animal Care Centers of NYC*, 326 East 110th Street; (212) 266-7880; donate@nycacc.org; https://www.nycacc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/Wish_List_handout_revised_June2018.pdf (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) and Queens (3-17 26th Avenue, Astoria; 718-777-0132; queens@bigreuse.org) accept materials. Pickup and deconstruction services are available for large quantities.
- *Books Through Bars*, Brooklyn, NY, (212) 254-3697; www.booksthroughbarsnyc.org. (Donates books to prisoners)
- *Build It Green! NYC*, One 12th Street, Brooklyn (718) 725-8925 x2; www.bignyc.org. (Accepts building materials, furniture, fixtures and appliances)
- *Cooper Recycling*, 123 Varick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, (718) 384-7727; <https://coopertankrecycling.com/> (Largest construction and demolition debris recycling facility in NYC).
- *FreshDirect Reuseable 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*, 157 West 72nd Street, (212) 799-2723; 217 West 79th Street, (212) 874-5050; 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)
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- *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 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; info@mfta.nyc.gov; www.mfta.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)
- *NYC Mamas Give Back*, 44 Wall Street, A Level, New York, NY 10005; <https://www.nycmammagiveback.org/>; info@nycmammagiveback.org (support to agencies and shelters in the NYC area serving homeless pregnant woman and families and young children at or below the poverty line)

- *Olde Good Things*, 2420 Broadway, 212-877-0845, <http://ogtstore.com/antique-store-nyc-broadway/> (Reclaimed building materials and antiques)
- *Pedals for Progress*, High Bridge, NJ, (908) 638-4811; 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.)
- *Recycle-a-Bicycle NYC*, 75 Avenue C, NYC, (212) 475-1655; www.recycleabicycle.org. (Accepts used bicycles)
- *ReLit NY*; www.relitny.org. (Collects books and distributes them to the public; there is a drop-off box for Re LIT at Whole Foods at 97th & Columbus)
- *Renewable Recycling*, 3001 New Street, Oceanside, NY; (917) 541-6971; <https://renewablerecycling.com/> (Mattress pick up service for a fee; they recycle mattress components)
- *ReUse NYC Donations Exchange*, (212) 650-5832; <http://exchange.reusenyc.info/exchange.donations@reusenyc.info>. (Materials exchange service for businesses and non-profits).
- *Salvation Army*, 268 West 96th Street, NYC, 212-757-2311; www.salvationarmy-newyork.org. (Free pick-up of bicycles, books, furniture and other household goods is available at <https://satruck.org/> or call (212) 757-2311 or (800) 728-7825; items should be wearable or useable; two-bag minimum).
- *St. Agnes Library*, 444 Amsterdam Avenue, between West 81st and West 82nd Streets, <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2019/07/05/donating-books-st-agnes-library>, (212) 621-0619 (accepts donations of books in good condition from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; call first).
- *St. Francis Thrift Store*, 207 West 96th Street, (212) 932-8040, ext 230; open 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed-Sun (call first); look for banner and steps going down. (Accepts clothing, furniture, household items, toys; NO books)
- *United War Veterans Council*, (212) 693-1476; <https://uwvc.org/recycle/>. (Will pick up a variety of household items; no minimum quantity, though they prefer at least one bag or box.)
- *Whole Foods*, 97th & Columbus Avenue. (Accepts wine bottle corks [real cork, not plastic])

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