



# sanitation

## BULK COLLECTION

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) provides free curbside removal of large non-commercial "bulk" items (items that are too big to be discarded in a container or bag) from residential buildings.

**Regular Bulk** - Large items that are neither 100% metal nor predominantly metal (such as mattresses, sofas, chairs, wood tables, cabinets etc.)

**Metal/Rigid Plastic Bulk** - Large items that are predominantly metal or rigid plastic and are too big for your recycling containers or clear bags (such as metal furniture, washer, dryer, small metal water heaters, plastic furniture, large rigid plastic toys, etc.)

**Appliances** – You **MUST** arrange for the recovery of CFC / Freon when discarding freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, water coolers, or dehumidifiers. For safety reasons, the law **requires** that doors be removed from refrigerators/ freezers. Appointments for up to 6 appliances per recycling collection day can be made by calling 311 or via our website at [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation).

**Electronics (TVs, Computer parts, VCR/DVR/DVD Players, Laptops, Cable boxes, Radios, etc.)** can **NOT** be discarded with your household garbage, bulk or recyclables. Visit [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics) for options to properly recycle your unwanted electronics for **FREE**.

**Carpets / Rugs** - Old carpets and rugs must be free of all nails or staples, and securely tied in bales no more than 2 feet high and 4 feet long.

**Home Repair Debris** - Small amounts of non-commercial waste from homeowners engaged in small "do-it-yourself" projects maybe placed out for DSNY collection. Homeowners who are undertaking large projects should contract for their own dumpster by contacting a private rubbish removal service. Bulk and construction debris generated from hired contractors or fee-for-service personnel is considered commercial waste and is the responsibility of the contractor to arrange for appropriate private disposal.

**Mattresses & Box Springs** - To combat Bed Bugs, mattresses or box springs placed out for DSNY collection **MUST** be fully enclosed within a sealed plastic bag.

**Yard Waste and Bundled Wood** - Old lumber/wood etc., placed out for collection must be securely tied in bales of no more than 2 feet high and 4 feet long and should be placed out on refuse collection days. Remove or flatten all nails and other sharp protruding items, to prevent injury.

**Organic wood** from trees and branches is ½ inch or more in diameter (items such as branches, sticks, twigs, mulch chips, firewood, and other woody debris) may **NOT** be placed out for collection by DSNY in **Brooklyn** and **Queens** due to the **Asian Long Horned Beetle quarantine** - an invasive pest that attacks and kills trees. In these boroughs, residents must schedule an appointment to dispose of organic wood with the Department of Parks & Recreation by calling 311 or via [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks).

**Placing Bulk out for Collection** - Bulk items may be placed at curbside **between 4:00PM and midnight** the night before your collection day (Recycling Collection day for **Metal/Rigid Plastic Bulk**). Items must not be placed in the street, extend in front of another property or impede pedestrians' traffic. If you have a large quantity of items (e.g. more than a dozen) you should consider placing them out over several collection days.

## SELF-HELP SPECIAL WASTE DROP-OFF SITES

New York City residents may bring the following materials to the NYC Department of Sanitation Special Waste Collection Centers:

- **Automotive Batteries**
- **Motor Oil and Transmission Fluid**
- **Motor Oil Filters**
- **Passenger Car Tires**
- **Fluorescent Light Bulbs**
- **Mercury Containing Devices (such as thermostats)**
- **Alkaline Batteries**
- **Lithium and Rechargeable Batteries**
- **Latex Paint**

Each household may visit a Special Waste Drop-off Site up to 6 times per year. New York City residents must show a valid New York State driver's license and a vehicle registration with New York City address. This site is solely for non-commercial New York City residential materials. Materials may not be from a business, industrial, fee for service, or profit-making activity. Drivers with commercial license plates will not be allowed to enter the collection area.

**Locations:** There are **Special Waste Drop-off Sites** at the following locations:

**BRONX:** Located in **Hunts Point** at Farragut Street and the East River, next to the Fulton Fish Market. The entrance is on Farragut Street, off Food Center Drive.

**BROOKLYN:** **1824 Shore Parkway** / Located in Bensonhurst at 25th Avenue and Gravesend Bay, adjacent to the DSNY Brooklyn District 11 garage and the Adventurer's Family Entertainment Center amusement park (formerly known as Nellie Bly).

**MANHATTAN:** Located at **74 Pike Slip** between Cherry Street and South Street under the Manhattan Bridge (OPENING November 1, 2014).

**QUEENS:** **College Point** at 30th Avenue, between 120th and 122nd Streets.

**STATEN ISLAND:** Located at the foot of **Muldoon Avenue**, off the Muldoon Avenue exit of the southbound West Shore Expressway, adjacent to the DSNY Staten Island District 3 garage.

**The Special Waste Drop-Off sites are open on every Saturday plus the last Friday of each month from 10 AM to 5 PM, except holidays.**

**Drop-off Instructions:** The Special Waste Drop-off Sites operate on a "do-it-yourself" basis. Upon arrival at a site, residents check in with a Department of Sanitation Supervisor who will record the person's name, address, vehicle registration, and the Special Waste to be dropped off. Residents will empty their Special Wastes into labeled storage containers. Empty paint cans, corrugated cardboard, etc. are then placed into designated containers for proper recycling.

Residents using the Special Waste Drop-Off Sites should dress accordingly. For example, sturdy shoes, casual clothing, work gloves, and safety glasses are recommended. If dropping off paint, please bring something to open paint cans, such as a screw driver.

**For more information** about the Household Special Waste Drop-off program, call the New York City Citizen Service Center at **311**, or visit our website at: [www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation)