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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

- *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.leseccologycenter.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. 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.
- *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)
- *NYuBreakiFix*, 202 West 96th Street; (212) 903-4349; <https://www.ubreakifix.com>. (Accepts rechargeable batteries, cell phones)
- *Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation*, (877) 723-2925; 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.lesecologycenter.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.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.)
- *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*, 1704 2nd Avenue (between East 88th-89th Streets), (212) 831-1830; 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; see their Donation Guide for more info; 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; <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](tel:9173254548); <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; <https://www.materialsforthearts.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*, <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/greater-new-york/>; to arrange pickups <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://www.holynamenyc.org/franciscan-community-center/st-francis-thrift-store/>. (Accepts electronic goods)
- *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*, (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. 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)

- 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)
- Verizon, www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline. (Accepts used cell phones and accessories at their stores)

C. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- *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])
- *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, pesticides, light bulbs, cleaners and other materials. The Special Waste Site in Manhattan at 74 Pike Slip [between Cherry and South Streets 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

- *AARP Paper Shredding*; <https://states.aarp.org/new-york/operation-stop-scams-fight-back-fraud>
- *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/>
- *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*, (800) 989-8463, (718) 875-1299; www.timeshred.com.
- *UPS Stores*, 2218 Broadway (78th-79th Streets), (212) 712-2611; 2585 Broadway (97th-98th Streets), (212) 222-1202; charge per pound and use Iron Mountain services. Stores are independently owned so check with other 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

- *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/>; to arrange pickups <https://satruck.org>; see also *Unique Boutique Thrift Store*, 487 Columbus Avenue; (212) 362-8877
- *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://www.holynamenyc.org/franciscan-community-center/st-francis-thrift-store/>.
- *Unique Boutique Thrift Store*, 487 Columbus Avenue; (212) 362-8877; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., daily.
- *Westsider Books*, 233 West 72 Street, <http://westsiderbooks.com>, (212) 874-1588. Buy or sell CDs

B. 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)
- *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 flower pots)
- *Manhattan Express Shipping*, 459 Columbus Avenue (between 81st and 82nd Streets); (646) 368-1283; info@ManhattanExpressShipping.com. (Accepts cornstarch peanuts and bubble wrap)
- *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.
- *UPS*, various locations (Accepts cornstarch peanuts and bubble wrap)

TEXTILES

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

- *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; 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 of St. John the Divine Clothing Closet*, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), (212) 316-7583; <http://www.stjohndivine.org/social/nutrition-health-clothing-center/clothing-closet>; ccc@stjohndivine.org. (Accepts gently used casual and business attire.)
- *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 109thth 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)
- *Ford Hall Food Pantry and Clothes Closet at Columbia University*, 616 West 114th Street (between Broadway and Riverside), (212) 854-6310; <https://www.communityimpact.columbia.edu/content/food-pantry> (Clothing, housewares, fresh food, and dry goods).
- *Goodwill*, 1704 2nd Avenue (between East 88th-89th Streets), (212) 831-1830; 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.)
- *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, (212) 788-7964, (212) 788-7476; 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 Columbia University Greenmarket [Broadway and 116th St.], Sundays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; also accepted at 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)
- *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](#).
- *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)
- *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)
- *popupswapX*, <https://www.popupswapx.com/faq>; (free events on the Upper West Side, 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.)
- *NYC Mammas Give Back*, 44 Wall Street, A Level, New York, NY 10005; <https://www.nycmammashiveback.org/>; info@nycmammashiveback.org (accepts gently used clothing and other textiles and supplies for infants and young children in poor families)
- *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; 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://www.holynamenyc.org/franciscan-community-center/st-francis-thrift-store/>.
- *St. Mary's Episcopal Church*, 521 West 126th Street; (212) 864-4013; <https://stmarysharlem.org/>, parishoffice@stmarysharlem.org, (Accepts clothing, shoes, winter gear)
- *That Suits You*, PK@thatsuitsyou.org, (Pickup in NYC and mail-in donations; accepts full suits, ties, tie clips, belts, and socks)
- *Unique Boutique Thrift Store*, 487 Columbus Avenue; (212) 362-8877; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., daily.

- *United War Veterans Council*, (888) 881-8982; <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.)
- *USAagain*, (718-810-2527, <http://www.usagain.com>) collects wearable clothing, shoes and other textiles in bins located in schools, stores and other locations. The clothing is then sold to wholesalers, thrift store chains and textile recyclers. Deposits in their bins are not tax deductible. (for collection sites: <https://www.nysar3.org/page/re-clothe-ny-78.html>)
- *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)
- *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). Goods are sorted at their Brooklyn warehouse; some are donated to charities, the rest are sold to textile recyclers.
- *West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing*, 2345 Broadway, between 85th & 86th Streets, sjustiniano@wsfssh.org. (Pianos, office furniture, lamps, housewares, artwork, and IT equipment)

B. Other Textiles

- *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](https://www.nycacc.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/Wish%20List%20handout%20revised%20June2018.pdf) (Accepts donations of bedding and linens, pet supplies, and unopened bags of pet food)
- *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)
- *FABSCRAP*, 110 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10001; (929) 276-3188; <https://fabsrap.org/> (Pre-consumer textile recycling and reuse service for businesses). Accept fabric (on or off rolls), trim, notions, scrap; do not accept clothing, bedding, linens, towels; pick-up services available for businesses; individuals can drop off fabric scraps at the Brooklyn Navy Yard location; service fee of \$2/lb. for fabrics of < 1 yard.
- *Fashion Institute of Technology*, 227 West 27th Street; 212-217-4100; fitfoundation@fitnyc.org. Clean fabric scraps can be donated for student use.
- *Humane Society of New York*, 306 East 59th Street, 212-752-4842. http://www.humanesocietyny.org/donations/wish_list.php (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.
- *ReUse NYC Donations Exchange*, (212) 650-5832, donations@reusenyc.info. (Materials exchange service for businesses and non-profits).
- *Trans Americas Trading Corporation*, 50 Carol St, 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)

- *Afyा 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).
- *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%20List%20handout%20revised%20June2018.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). 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)
- *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 guitar and orchestral strings for recycling; people can also (to deleted) sign up to be a public or private string recycler)

- *Ford Hall Food Pantry and Clothes Closet at Columbia University*, 616 West 114th Street (between Broadway and Riverside), (212) 854-6310, <https://www.communityimpact.columbia.edu/content/food-pantry> (Clothing, housewares, fresh food, and dry goods).
- *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*, 1704 2nd Avenue (between East 88th-89th Streets), (212) 831-1830; 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*, 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)
- *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)
- *NYC Mammas Give Back*, 44 Wall Street, A Level, New York, NY 10005; <https://www.nycmamasgiveback.org/>; info@nycmamasgiveback.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)
- *PaintCare*, <https://www.paintcare.org/our-story/> (recycle leftover paint at drop-off sites located throughout New York)
- *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.)
- *popupswapX*, <https://www.popupswapx.com/faq>; (free events on the Upper West Side mnhattanwhere 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*, <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*, 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*, <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/greater-new-york/>; to arrange pickups <https://satruck.org/>; see also *Unique Boutique Thrift Store*, 487 Columbus Avenue; (212) 362-8877
- *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://www.holynamenyc.org/franciscan-community-center/st-francis-thrift-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*, 121 York Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08638; (609) 393-4259; <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>. (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*, 487 Columbus Avenue; (212) 362-8877; 11 a.m.-8 p.m., daily.
- *United War Veterans Council*, (888) 881-8982; <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*; (631) 629-1043, <https://werecycleoldwatches.com/our-services/>, helpearth@werecycleoldwatches.com
- *West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing*, 2345 Broadway, between 85th & 86th Streets; sjustiniano@wsfssh.org. (Pianos, office furniture, lamps, housewares, artwork, and IT equipment).
- *Whole Foods*, 97th & Columbus Avenue. (Accepts wine bottle corks [real cork, not plastic])

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