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)
- 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)
 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](http://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.bigeruse.org](http://www.bigeruse.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@bigeruse.org](mailto:brooklyn@bigeruse.org)) and Queens (3-17 26th Avenue, Astoria; 718-777-0132; [queens@bigeruse.org](mailto:queens@bigeruse.org)) accept materials. 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](http://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](http://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](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](http://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](mailto:jokun@avidwaste.com). Provides food-scraps pickups up to three times per week for a fee.
- **Big Re-Use,** 718-725-8925, ext 2, [https://www.bigeruse.org/service/compost/](https://www.bigeruse.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](http://www.bignyc.org); [compost@bignyc.org](mailto: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](http://www.grownyc.org/compost). (Food scrap compost program at various Greenmarket and Compost-on-the-Go locations; see their website for status and 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; St. Mary’s Harlem Food Scrap Drop-off, 521 West 126th Street, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Fridays

- **Lower East Side Ecology**, (212) 477-4022; [www.lesecolologycenter.org](http://www.lesecolologycenter.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/](https://mrtcarting.com/). (Provides food-scare pickups up to 59th Street for a fee.)

- **NYC Department of Sanitation**, call 311; [https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home](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/](http://www.reclaimedorganics.org/); [info@ReclaimedOrganics.org](mailto:info@ReclaimedOrganics.org). (Food-scare drop-off site at 107th and Columbus Avenue)

- **Vokashi Kitchen Waste Solutions**, 718-623-2515; [https://vokashi.com/](https://vokashi.com/), [vokashi@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.nyc.gov/nycwasteless/electronics).

**A. Charitable Organizations and Recyclers**

- **All of Us Clothing**, 505 Fifth Avenue; (212) 328-4012; [customerservice.us@stories.com](mailto:customerservice.us@stories.com). (Accepts toys & small appliances; Pickup Service call (516) 309-9040)

- **Amazon.com**, [www.amazon.com/trade-in](http://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](http://www.cfy.org); [CFY-NYC@cfy.org](mailto: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](http://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) ECYLE1; [www.4thbin.com](http://www.4thbin.com); [ecyclenow@4thbin.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](https://habitatnycwc.org/restore). (Accepts furniture, flooring, appliances, tools, plumbing, lighting and electrical goods; items must be in working condition; pick up)

▪ **House of Good Deeds,** 1 River Place (between 41st and 42nd Streets); (917) 325-4548; [https://houseofgooddeeds.org/, info@houseofgooddeeds.org](https://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](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](http://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](mailto: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](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/](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](http://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/](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](http://www.call2recycle.org). (Lists cell phone recycling locations)

▪ **Salvation Army,** 268 West 96th Street, NYC, 212-757-2311; [www.salvationarmy-newyork.org](http://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/](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/](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](http://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](http://www.staples.com). (Accepts computer equipment, ink-jet and toner cartridges; no TVs)
- **Verizon**, [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://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](http://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](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](mailto: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/](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](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 East Side: [https://thisweekatthemarket.wordpress.com/](https://thisweekatthemarket.wordpress.com/)
- Time Shred Services, (800) 989-8463, (718) 875-1299; [www.timeshred.com](http://www.timeshred.com).
- [www.nyc.gov/ShredFest](http://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](http://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](http://www.greendisk.com/); (800) 305-3475; [http://www.greendisk.com/](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](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](http://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/](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](http://www.stjohndivine.org/social/nutrition-health-clothing-center/clothing-closet). (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/](https://www.wsfssh.org/senior-center/)
- **Goodwill**, 157 West 72nd Street, (212) 799-2723; 217 West 79th Street, (212) 874-5050; [www.goodwillnynj.org](http://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](http://www.housingworks.org).
- **New York City Rescue Mission**, [http://nycrescue.org/give](http://nycrescue.org/give), (646) 362-3157. (Organizes distribution of pillows, comforters, clothing, footwear and towels to homeless shelters)
- **NYC Mammamas Give Back**, 44 Wall Street, A Level, New York, NY 10005; [https://www.nycmammagasgiveback.org/](https://www.nycmammagasgiveback.org/); info@nycmammagasgiveback.org (accepts gently used clothing and other textiles and supplies for infants and young children in poor families)
- **Salvation Army**, 268 West 96th Street, 212-757-2311; [www.salvationarmy-newyork.org](http://www.salvationarmy-newyork.org). (Free pick-up of clothing, other textiles, shoes, etc. is available at [https://satruck.org/](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/](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](http://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](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/](https://www.art-start.org/) (Arts and craft supplies - call prior to drop-off)
- **Big Reuse**, [http://www.bigreuse.org](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.
- **Build It Green!NYC**, One 12th Street, Brooklyn (718) 725-8925 x2; [www.bignyc.org](http://www.bignyc.org). (Accepts building materials, furniture, fixtures and appliances)
- **Cooper Recycling**, 123 Varick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, (718) 384-7727; [https://cooptankrecycling.com/](https://cooptankrecycling.com/) (Largest construction and demolition debris recycling facility in NYC).
- **FreshDirect Reuseable Bag Donation Program** (various locations in Upper Manhattan); freeshdirectbags@gmail.com; [https://www.freshdirect.com/blog/donatebags/](https://www.freshdirect.com/blog/donatebags/)
- **Good+ Foundation**, 306 West 37th Street, 8th floor, NYC; (212) 736-1777; [https://goodplusfoundation.org/](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](http://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](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/](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](http://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](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](http://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 Mammas Give Back**, 44 Wall Street, A Level, New York, NY 10005; [https://www.nycmammasgiveback.org/](https://www.nycmammasgiveback.org/); info@nycmammasgiveback.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)

▪ 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, wwwpopuprepair.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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