

New York City Recycling Locations and Resources

Manufacturer & retailer take-back programs: Many electronics manufacturers “take-back” products for recycling, by mail or in-store collections. Some offer home pick-up and/or discount coupons for new items.

Computer manufacturer often have take-back programs.. Contact the manufacturers for more details.

Cell phones: Any store that sells cell phones in New York State has to take them back. Some greenmarkets now accept cell phones & rechargeable batteries for recycling: **Saturdays at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn (9a-1p), Ft Greene (9a-3p), McCarren Park (8a-3p)** See <http://www.cenyc.org/recycling/rbrc> for rest of schedule. You can also recycle your old phone for a cause through Collective Good (<http://www.collectivegood.com/>) which will refurbish it for reuse if possible.

Stores accepting recycled goods:

- **Staples:** Accepts cell phones, PDAs, pagers, used computers, monitors, laptops, printers, faxes, rechargeable batteries, ink and toner cartridges.
- **Best Buy:** Accepts cell phones, rechargeable batteries, TVs, DVD players (see their website for details)
- **Office Depot:** Will accept any brand of used electronics that are not cracked or leaking. These items must be able to fit within one of their three boxes (The largest box is 14”x18”x18”, which is big enough for a monitor, but not a large television). The box must be purchased for \$5, \$10, or \$15 depending on the size of the box. The filled box can then be left at the store for recycling.

Batteries:

- **Stores that sell rechargeable batteries** must take them back for recycling according to law.
- **Tarzian Hardware: accepts: batteries. 193 Seventh Avenue Brooklyn (718) 788-4120**
- **Whole Foods** stores in all boroughs.
- **Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation’s Call2Recycle Program:** Many retailers in NYC accept rechargeable batteries and cell phones for recycling. See <http://www.rbrc.org/start.php>
- **Button batteries:** Ask jewelry stores, watch repair shops, camera stores, and other retailers to recycle your watch, calculator, or other button batteries. Though not required to, many do.

Sneakers of any brand can be recycled at many Nike stores. You can drop off any brand of rubber-soled shoes at Niketown, 6 East 57th Street (212.891.6453) or look up **Nike Reuse a Shoe** on the web for more options.

Clothing and textiles (used clothing, shoes, boots, hats, jackets, towels, bedding, and linens) can be brought to various green markets in NYC. **Saturdays at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn (8a-4p), Ft Greene (8a-3p), McCarren Park (8a-2p)** See <http://www.cenyc.org/recycling/resources> for rest of schedule.

Compact fluorescent bulbs as well as fluorescent tubes can be recycled at:

- **NYC Dept. of Sanitation Special Waste Collection Centers**, open from 10am-5pm the last Friday of each month and every Saturday except the last Saturday of each month. There are locations in each borough. See http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/at_home/special_waste.shtml
- **Ikea** stores (all locations) take back compact fluorescent bulbs.
- **Home Depot** stores (all locations) accept compact fluorescent bulbs.
- **GrowNYC** (<http://www.grownyc.org/CFL>) collects CFLs at 3 locations—the closest to Brooklyn is **Lower East Side – Green Depot at 222 Bowery (M-Th 10-7, Fri/Sa 10-8, Sun 11-7)**

Automotive Parts

- **NYC Department of Sanitation Special Waste Collection Centers** accept automotive & household batteries, motor oil, transmission fluid, fluorescent tubes & bulbs, mercury thermometers & thermostats, passenger car tires and latex paint. . There are locations in each borough. **BROOKLYN:** Bay 41st Street and Gravesend Bay, south of the Belt Parkway (adjacent to the DSNY Brooklyn 11 garage). See http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/at_home/special_waste.shtml for other locations..

Paint

- **Materials for the Arts:** Accepts donations of paint for distribution to non-profit cultural organizations and arts programs. Call them at (718) 729-3001.
- **Up to five gallons of latex paint** per visit can be dropped off at any NYC Dept. of Sanitation Self-Help Special Waste Drop-Off Sites. See http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/at_home/special_waste.shtml

Construction/building materials:

- **NY Wa\$teMatch**, matches waste generators with potential users who purchase waste to use as raw materials. See <Http://www.wastematch.org/>.
- **The Building Materials Reuse Association** at <http://www.bmra.org/listings?catid=48> has a directory of places that buy and sell recycled building materials in each state.

Reduce Unwanted Mail

- The **Direct Mail Marketing Association** at <https://www.dmchoice.org> shows you how to remove your name from mailing lists and **Catalog Choice** at <http://www.catalogchoice.org> helps you to remove your name from catalog mailing lists.

Use Recycled Paper Products

- NRDC lists brands of paper products such as toilet paper, tissues and paper towels, which are made of recycled paper. See <http://www.nrdc.org/land/forests/tissueguide/walletcard.pdf>

Green Office Tips

- The Sierra Club's Green Office tips: <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/greenlife/green-office-tips.pdf>

Useful Websites

- **Earth911** lets you type in your zip code and find the closest recycling facility for many items and provides answers about how to dispose of a great variety of items. <http://earth911.org>
- **NYC Wasteless** provides in-depth information about recycling and/or disposing of just about any household item: http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/recycling/recycle_what.shtml
- **Council on the Environment of NYC** has a great summary of recycling resources in NYC <http://www.cenyc.org/recycling/resources>.
- **The Lower East Side Ecology Center** holds periodic electronic waste collections in different parts of the five boroughs. See http://www.lesecologycenter.org/les_frames.html#Ewaste for more information.
- **NYC Stuff Exchange** at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/stuffex/html/home/home.shtml> lets NYC residents search for places in their neighborhood and throughout the city where they can donate, sell, buy, rent, or repair different types of gently used goods.