



NYC's New E-Cycling Program Takes Hazards Out of the Waste Stream

Even though many New Yorkers are still not aware of it, a full ban on the disposal of electronics went into effect on January 1, 2015. The grace period for avoiding fines of \$100 per violation is about to end, so be sure your residents are up to date on the newest recycling regulations.

Enacted by Governor Cuomo in 2010, the NYS Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act is overseen by the state's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The law went into effect in stages, with the final stage being the January 1 statewide ban on the disposal of electronics, except through acceptable recycling avenues.

If you live in a building of more than ten units, your property is entitled to free "room cleanout" service by the New York City Department of Sanitation, under their new "e-cycleNYC" program. These buildings can collect and store unwanted electronics and arrange for pick-up by calling 212-437-4647 or emailing e-cycleNYC@dny.nyc.gov. Pick-up is guaranteed within five business days.

Buildings of 50 or more units will be provided with a locked storage bin in which to collect electronics for pick-up within three business days of contacting the e-cycle program. Properties with 250 or more units can contact the City to schedule e-cycleNYC events on the premises, and inform residents of when and where to bring their electronics for pick-up. According to the City's website, data on electronic devices will be fully erased by e-cycleNYC as part of the

As of January 2015, these electronics can't be discarded in the trash.



DSNY's e-cycleNYC program.

Apartment buildings with more than 10 units can enroll for this free and convenient pickup service (nyc.gov/ecycle).

Retail drop-off programs.

For example, drop off electronics (no purchase required) at any Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, Staples (no TVs), or the Gowanus E-Waste Warehouse. See nyc.gov/electronics for more info.

Free mail-back programs. Check your brand's website for details.

Electronics recycling events.

Bring to events run by organizations such as Lower East Side Ecology Center, or DSNY's SAFE Disposal Events (nyc.gov/safedisposal).

Donate or sell working electronics. Visit nyc.gov/stuffexchange for options.

** These programs are funded by electronics manufacturers in accordance with NY State*

Recycling Options for Related Items

mobile phones: recycle using the options above or through any wireless service provider.

appliances & housewares which are mostly metal or rigid plastic: remove any batteries and recycle with other rigid plastics, metal, glass, and cartons.

rechargeable batteries: accepted for recycling at most stores in NY State that sell them (or products containing them).

For more info, visit nyc.gov/recycle.

recycling process if you live in an eligible building.

The City will pick up large electronic devices including TVs, VCRs, DVRs, DVDs, cable and satellite boxes, video game consoles, computers and peripherals such as hard drives and keyboards, printers, scanners, fax machines. They will also pick up small devices such as tablets, mobile phones, MP3 players, and iPods.

Americans dispose of about 400 million electronic devices every year, adding a huge volume along with a wide range of toxins to the waste stream. According to Kathryn Garcia, Commissioner of the NYC Sanitation Department, electronic equipment has become the fastest-growing component of the hazardous waste stream. "By recycling electronics, New Yorkers can help

decrease disposal costs and protect the environment," she said in a statement about the new law.

In addition to the e-cycleNYC pick-up programs, other recycling options for New Yorkers throughout the state include retail drop-off locations at Goodwill, the Salvation Army, Best Buy, Staples, or the Gowanus E-Waste Warehouse in Brooklyn. The City also has scheduled SAFE (solvents, automotive, flammables and electronics) Disposal Events throughout the five boroughs. For 2015 dates visit on.nyc.gov/18yJzTB. Visit nyc.gov/stuffexchange for more information about selling or donating electronics that are still working, and nyc.gov/electronics for more information about the new electronics recycling regulations. ❖



Rob Andrzejewski of DEPM-Managed Charleston Named Resident Manager of the Year

In April, Robert Andrzejewski will receive the Resident Manager of the Year Award from the New York Association of Realty Managers (NYARM) at their annual Gala. Robert is Resident Manager at the DEPM-managed Charleston Condominium at 225 East 34th Street.

"Many of us from DEPM will be at the gala to watch Robert accept his award. He has done an outstanding job as Resident Manager, and we are all extremely proud to see him receive this honor," says Sharon Langlais, DEPM Account Executive for the Charleston.

"Robert is a very special person. I met him ten years ago as a student in a class of mine at the union. He has a good story of overcoming obstacles. He is ready to accept new ideas and move ahead, always with a smile," says Margie Russell, Executive Director of NYARM. "He is a shining example of the kind of person Jim is very good at attracting and keeping on the DEPM team," she adds, referring to DEPM President Jim O'Connor. ❖



Rob Andrzejewski and his wife Ela. Rob will receive NYARM's Resident Manager of the Year award at their April 24th Gala for his work at the DEPM-managed Charleston Condominium on East 34th Street

Upgrade Your Landscaping this Year With Tips from the Pros

As warm weather finally arrives, spring flowers and new foliage are a welcome sight after the long, cold winter. But your landscaping may need a facelift this season. From entryways to rooftops, the plantings your building installs make an enormous difference in the lifestyles of your residents as well as the value of the entire property. DEPM's managers work closely with boards and contractors to make sure that these oases retain their beauty all season long.

According to landscape architect Tom Salaki, owner of Square Acre Studio, maintaining and upgrading urban landscapes is a joint effort involving building staff, contractors, caretakers and designers. Here are a few of his tips for keeping your landscaping looking great:

- **Irrigation:** Having a proper irrigation system installed will save you money in the long run. It keeps plants wet during dry spells, helps to flush out any soil contaminants and reduces the need for plant replacement and fertilizers.

- **Maintenance:** It is important for the building manager and the landscape maintenance crew to be on the same page as to how outdoor spaces should be maintained. Many times a watchful manager can spot problems before the landscape crew is on site for their weekly visit. Sometimes just one day can make a huge difference between keeping plants alive and having to replace them.

- **Patience:** Climate, seasonal changes and availability play a huge factor in what can successfully be installed at your property. Give plants and landscapes time. The general rule with newly installed plants is that the first year they sleep, the next year they creep, and the third year they leap.

Be sure to speak to your property manager about how your building can improve its landscaping or create new outdoor space to enjoy this season. ❖



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