

Everything...and the Kitchen Sink

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Brooklyn residents should be aware that the Department of Sanitation provides curbside removal of large non-commercial "bulk" items from residential buildings.

"The Department of Sanitation provides this service for residents to discard large appliances, such as refrigerators and stoves, furniture, like couches and tables, and lumber," said DOS spokesperson Kathy

Dawkins. "Basically, anything that can't fit in your garbage can."

Up to six small or three large items can be placed at the curb the night before the last regular garbage collection day of the week, except during weeks with holidays or snow emergency days.

"During the last month we've been picking up bulk throughout the week to catch up," said Dawkins.

Dawkins warns residents

that placing bulk items by the curb at non-designated days can result in fines.

If a resident has more than the set amount of items, Dawkins advises them to put them out a little at a time.

"It is not in our budget to send a truck to one location to pick up numerous items," Dawkins explained.

Donate Your Furniture

However, for residents

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with bulk items in relatively decent condition, Dawkins suggests they contact the Partnership for the Homeless "Furnish a Future" program. At no cost to the contributor, Partnership representatives will come to your home and pick up the items, destined for donation to needy households. "I've used them myself and found it a very good program," said Dawkins.

The program can be contacted at (718) 875-5353. Brooklyn pick-ups are generally made on Fridays.

For safety reasons, the

law requires that doors be removed from refrigerators. Also, if you are placing old lumber or tree limbs out, all nails and sharp objects should be removed and the pieces of lumber must be securely tied in bales no more than two feet high and four feet long.

Free dumping privileges are also available for Brooklyn residents at the following Sanitation Department household "self help" dump sites: 52nd Street and 1st Avenue; Southwest Brooklyn Incinerator, Bay 41st Street and Gravesend Bay; and the Greenpoint Incinerator,

North Henry Street and Newtown Creek.

Materials may be brought to any of these locations between 8 a.m. and sundown, and any day of the week including Sundays and holidays.

Use of the household dump sites is for non-commercial residential bulk only. Vehicles with commercial plates cannot use the household dump. "The fines for anyone caught illegally dumping bulk items start at \$600," informed Dawkins.

Drivers must show a valid New York State driver's license and vehicle reg-

istration with a New York City address.

According to Dawkins, if an individual does not possess a driver's license, they must present valid proof of residency to the sanitation supervisor at the dump site.

For more information about these free services contact, the Sanitation Action Center at (212) 219-8090 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day (except holidays). To arrange a pickup in Brooklyn, call (718) 649-3089.

Remember to request and write down your "log number" when you make an appointment.