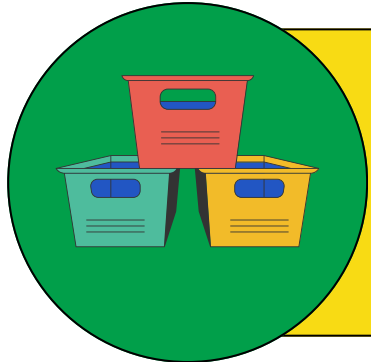


# SORT IT OUT!

## A 3-STEP GUIDE TOWARD A ZERO-WASTE LIFESTYLE

Did you know New Yorkers produce more than 14 million tons of waste annually? Disposing of all this trash costs the city upwards of \$450 million annually. But by properly separating organics and recyclables from your waste, we can cut down on the amount of waste sent to far-off landfills and incinerators, often located in environmental justice communities. This guide will help you take your first steps towards a zero-waste lifestyle.

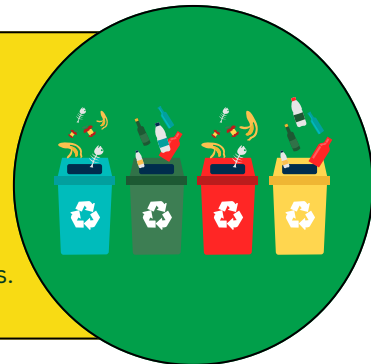


### 01. PREPARE YOUR SPACE

- Use a separate bin, bag, or even a cardboard box for your plastics, glass, and non-soiled paper.
- Use a DSNY food bucket or another closed container for your food scraps, coffee grinds, and other organics.
- Identify the location of your buildings' waste, recycle, and organic bins.

### 02. START SEPARATING

- Follow the recommendations in this guide to help you properly separate your waste.
- Rinse off your plastics and glass before disposing of them so that food residue doesn't go into the recycling bin.
- As you dispose of food scraps and other organics, you can store the container in the fridge and freezer before taking them out to prevent smells.



### 03. DISCARD WASTE

- Discard your separated waste in the properly marked bins.
- If your building does not have a brown bin for organics, use the QR code on this guide to help identify your nearest drop-off site.



\*For information on how to properly discard electronic waste, textiles, and other items, scan the QR code on this guide.

SCAN THIS QR CODE FOR MORE RESOURCES!

[LINKTR.EE/ZEROWASTENYC](https://linktr.ee/zerowastenyc)



# METAL, GLASS, & PLASTICS

MILK CARTONS, SOUP & SODA CANS, GLASS BOTTLES & JARS, PLASTIC JUGS, RIGID PLASTICS



# PAPER

BOXES, CARDBOARD, PAPER, SLIGHTLY SOILED PIZZA BOXES



# ORGANICS

FOOD SCRAPS, FOOD LEFTOVERS, DEAD PLANTS & FLOWERS, USED NAPKINS, BROWN PAPER BAGS, EGG SHELLS, NO ANIMAL WASTE



# ELECTRONICS "E-WASTE"

CELL PHONES & TABLETS, LAPTOPS & COMPUTERS, POWER CORDS, CAMERAS, ADAPTERS, CAR CHARGERS, BATTERIES, ETC.



# TEXTILES

CLOTHES, SHOES, SNEAKERS, PURSES, HATS, BEDSHEETS, TOWELS, CURTAINS, RUGS

**Donate** clothing that can have a second life. **Recycle** clothing that can't be donated so they can be made into something new.

