



## TAKE BACK DAY

Check the village events calendar for the next Take Back Day, at [villageofbronxville.com](http://villageofbronxville.com).

Held twice a year in June and November, TAKE BACK DAY is sponsored by the Bronxville Green Committee in conjunction with Bronxville's Department of Public Works. This is your chance to drop off items for recycling or reuse on Palumbo Place behind Village Hall.

The Village of Bronxville works with both the county government and local organizations to distribute the items collected, to ensure that they are either reused or recycled. The organizations that participate and items accepted are subject to change so check with Village Hall first.

\*The county provides a Mobile Shredder for paper, helping residents fight identity theft by offering a safe way to dispose of sensitive papers. Check the county website ([westchestergov.com](http://westchestergov.com)) for information about how many boxes you can bring.

\*Used bedding--especially towels--are taken to a Yonkers animal shelter, to provide cozy beds for the animals being housed there.

\*Furniture Sharehouse distributes furniture to disadvantaged people in Westchester county who are referred to them by social service agencies. Please check their website at [furnituresharehouse.org](http://furnituresharehouse.org) for items they can and cannot accept.

\*Vietnam Veterans of America sells the clothing they collect to raise funds to provide medical assistance to military veterans. According to a representative

from the organization, donated items are sold to privately owned thrift stores, which in turn sell the clothing to the general public.

\*Electronics are taken to county facilities. Westchester county ensures that all electronics are taken to licensed electronic waste dismantlers, who remove the data stored on them, dismantle the products, and sell the components directly to electronic manufacturers, both domestically and abroad. This process ensures that toxic elements found in electronic equipment, which can include lead, mercury, nickel, and cadmium, do not get into our food and water supplies. It also avoids our participation in the unsavory practice, which is common, in which electronics are shipped to Asia and dismantled by underpaid workers in dangerous conditions, who then dispose of the component parts in ways that often pollute the environment.

Since 2015, a New York state law requires that all electronic waste be kept out of the waste stream. According to [environment.westchestergov.com](http://environment.westchestergov.com), which offers a thorough explanation of this issue, electronic waste is the fastest growing area of solid waste in the U.S. and is expected to continue to grow rapidly as more and more household items contain electronic components.

\*We hope to offer collection stations for additional items in the future.

For updates, keep an eye out for e-blast notifications from the Village, articles in <http://myhometownbronxville.com/>, and fliers around town.