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"NY Gives" Holiday Toy Drive



Joining me at the Holiday Toy Drive from left to right are: Matthew J. Driscoll, President & CEO, Environmental Facilities Corporation; Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy; Assemblyman Morelle; and RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, Office of General Services

On Friday, I had the pleasure of attending the "NY Gives" Holiday Toy Drive at the [Local 13: Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Hall](#). The gathering was one of many held statewide to benefit families in communities impacted by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Hosted by Lt. Governor Robert Duffy, the drive collected new, unwrapped toys which will be delivered to families in flood-affected communities.

The event was part of Governor Cuomo's "NY Gives" campaign – an initiative that connects not-for-profit organizations, businesses and individuals in an effort to encourage generosity throughout the holiday season. Thank you to all of the organizations and individuals who donated to the 2011 "NY Gives" Holiday Toy Drive. You have all truly helped to make a difference!

New Guidelines for Rechargeable Batteries

The New York State Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act was recently enacted, preventing the disposal of most rechargeable batteries. The ban on disposing of rechargeable batteries requires manufacturers of rechargeable batteries to collect and recycle the used batteries. Most retailers that sell rechargeable batteries are now required to accept used ones, and are required to post signs alerting consumers about the drop-off location and the new disposal regulations.

Many rechargeable batteries contain toxic metals that can be released into the environment when not disposed of properly, according to the [Department of Environmental Conservation](#). Rechargeable batteries covered by this law include those containing: nickel cadmium, sealed lead, lithium ion, nickel metal hydride and any other dry cell rechargeable batteries weighing less than 25 pounds. Rechargeable batteries from laptops, telephones, cordless power tools and other electronic devices are also required to be recycled.

Happy Holidays!

Dear Neighbor,

During this busy holiday season, I hope you are finding the time to gather with family, friends and those you care about to celebrate. Over the past year, we have made real progress in our effort to turn New York State around. We have cut taxes on businesses and middle class families, taken steps to help create jobs and worked together to help make life in our community just a little better. In the New Year, please know that I will be here and ready to assist you. Please contact my office if I can be of assistance to you.

Happy Holidays!



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