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# **Senator Persaud Gives Away a Hundred Free Rain Barrels, Recycles Unwanted Electronics for Residents**

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On a sunny yet windy April 27 morning at the District Office, Senator Persaud, in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, gave away a hundred rain barrels to constituents during this year's Senate District 19 Rain Barrel Giveaway. Also at the event was the NYC Department of Sanitation and Healthfirst, distributing additional giveaways to the residents picking up their rain barrels, and the NYPD 69th Precinct, lending a helping hand. The Senator has hosted this event each year since 2016 and has now given away 400 rain barrels, which are tank systems that help save money, conserve water and reduce pollution.

Additionally, during and after the giveaway Senator Persaud hosted the Lower East Side Ecology Center also at her District Office for her inaugural E-Waste Recycling event. Dozens of residents filtered in and out throughout the day to recycle their e-waste, which refers to unwanted electronics (which are now illegal for New Yorkers to discard in the trash).

Senator Persaud said of both events:

“Despite the harsh winds, my staff and I were on hand to serve our constituents; the weather did not prevent the scores who came out to collect a rain barrel or drop off their e-waste.

Thank you to the constituents of Senate District 19 who are doing their part in helping save the Earth. I must also thank our partners: the Lower East Side Ecology Center for sponsoring the e-waste disposal, the Department of Environmental Protection for the rain barrels, and the Department of Sanitation as well as Healthfirst for the giveaways. In addition, we cannot forget the 69th Precinct Officers and Youth Explorers for lending a helping hand; in fact, one officer even personally delivered a barrel to the home of a constituent.

Our annual Rain Barrel Giveaway and inaugural E-Waste Recycling event was a tremendous success. Moving forward, we must continue to Reduce-Reuse-Recycle. I look forward to next year's events."