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Free Community Swap Returns to Melrose!

February 15th, 2022, Melrose, Bronx – New Yorkers looking to reduce, reuse, and save money this year are invited to participate in Stop 'N' Swap®, a free community reuse event organized by local non-profit GrowNYC. The average NYC household discards about 2,000 pounds of waste a year. By reusing through events like Stop 'N' Swap, NYC residents can take part in diverting over 40 million pounds of material from the landfill every year. Take a break from shopping, support a cleaner future, and join the ever-growing reuse community!

WHAT: Free Stop 'N' Swap Community Reuse Event

WHEN: Saturday, February 19th, 12pm – 3pm

WHERE: BronxWorks Classic Community Center – 286 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10451

The public is invited to bring clean, portable, reusable items to share with those who can use them. No one is required to bring something to take something — you can simply show up with a bag and see what's free for the taking. Books, toys, fashionable clothing, housewares, and electronics are just some of the offerings. Furniture and other large items are not accepted at the swap. Anything leftover at the end of the day is donated or recycled. *Proof of vaccination require for entry. Face coverings required for all attendees regardless of vaccination status.*

Stop 'N' Swaps have developed a regular following among thrifty and environmentally conscious New Yorkers. After almost two years without swaps and in response to increasing demand for the events, GrowNYC has set a goal of hosting one swap in each of the city's 59 community districts each year.

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GrowNYC serves 3 million New Yorkers each year, providing opportunities to make NYC truly livable - a place where every person can enjoy a healthier life. GrowNYC's Zero Waste programs are funded by the NYC Department of Sanitation. Learn more at <u>www.grownyc.org/swap</u>.

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