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### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL APARTMENT MOVE-OUT PROGRAM - SAVING CLOTHES, FURNITURE AND HOUSEWARES FROM THE LANDFILL

The time is nearly here when more than one-quarter of the city's population prepares to move. As UC Davis graduating seniors leave their leased apartments, the Yolo County landfill typically begins to fill with an assortment of household goods, from couches to clothing.

In an effort to keep all of the good, usable material from being landfilled, the City of Davis is preparing for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Apartment Move-Out Waste Reduction Program.



One of the donation stations set up at an apartment property last year.

To divert good, reusable material and reduce waste, the City of Davis Public Works Department Recycling Program has again teamed up with apartment managers to provide an alternative way for moving residents to get rid of their stuff.

The program places “donation stations” next to dumpsters, where residents can both take and leave items for reuse. Local non-profits working with the City also stop by and pick through the material. The Food Bank of Yolo County provides food donation barrels to collect non-perishable food from residents as they move-out.

The program has been a huge success in the past. “Last year, we saw apartments that were able to cut their waste in half, emptying their 40-yard dumpsters only once or twice, instead of the usual 4 to 5 times to get rid of all the move-out waste,” says Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator for the City of Davis, and the organizer for this

program. “Not only does the program reduce waste, but it can also save the apartments money on their trash bill. It just makes sense to keep these items out of the trash and reuse them.”

In celebration of 10 years of reducing move-out waste, this year’s program is larger than ever, with 36 apartment communities hosting donation stations.

Also new to this year’s program, the City of Davis Recycling Program is teaming up with the Rotaract Club of Davis as well as UC Davis R4 Recycling Program to sort and organize donated material as it arrives.

Local nonprofits that are working with the City on this program include the Food Bank of Yolo County, Yolo Community Care Continuum, Yolo Hospice Thrift Store, Yolo County SPCA, Yolo Wayfarers and Davis Community Church.

Are you moving out? “Ask your apartment manager if your community is participating in the move-out program,” says Gilbert. “Even if they are not participating, please don’t throw your stuff in the trash. There are other ways to reuse and recycle your unwanted items.”

Household goods, clothing and furniture in good condition can be donated to several local non-profit groups. The Yolo County SPCA Thrift Store, R & R Thrift Store, Yolo Hospice Thrift Store and The Goodwill Store are only a few of the local places where you can bring your stuff. For a full list of places to bring your unwanted items for reuse, check out the City of Davis Recyclopeda at [www.davisrecycling.org](http://www.davisrecycling.org), or call the Public Works Department at 757-5686.

If you are a non-profit charity that would like to participate in the apartment move-out program, contact Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator at 757-5686.

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