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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PREVENT WASTE

The time is nearly here when 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.

To divert good reusable material and reduce waste, the City of Davis Public Works Department Recycling Program is teaming up with apartment managers to provide an alternative way for moving residents to get rid of their stuff-- the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Apartment Move-Out Waste Reduction Program.

The program places "donation stations" next to dumpsters, and residents are encouraged to donate items they no longer want instead of throwing them in the trash. Local non-profits working with the City also stop by and pick through the material, taking what they want and need.

Donation stations will be set up mid August and remain until the first week of September. During that time, volunteers are needed to help sort and organize donated items such as clothing, furniture, food and kitchenware.

Volunteers will not be asked to lift things into bins, go into trash bins to retrieve items, help residents move items or help load items into cars. All volunteers are responsible for providing their own transportation to the sites and must fill out a waiver form prior to assisting. The City of Davis will provide safety vests and gloves.



Volunteer Rose Bjornstrom straightens up a donation station at an apartment in Central Davis.

"This is a great opportunity to help the community, reduce waste and help the environment," says Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator for the City of Davis and

the project manager for the move-out program. “You can actually see the difference that you are making for the environment.”

Interested volunteers and non-profit groups that are interested in receiving donations of clothing, furniture, food and housewares from the move-out donation can contact the Public Works Department at 757-5686.

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 and thrift stores. For a full list of places to bring your unwanted items for reuse, check out the City of Davis Recyclopedia at [www.davisrecycling.org](http://www.davisrecycling.org), or call the Public Works Department at 757-5686.

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