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### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO KEEP REUSABLE GOODS OUT OF THE TRASH.

As UC Davis graduating seniors leave their leased apartments, the Yolo County landfill typically begins to fill with an assortment of items, from couches to clothing. The City of Davis Recycling Program needs the help of community volunteers to help keep good and reusable items out of the trash.

For the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row, 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 Apartment Move-Out Waste Reduction Program. The program places “donation stations” next to dumpsters, and apartment residents are encouraged to donate items they no longer want instead of throwing them in the trash. Local non-profits, working with the City, stop by and pick through the material, taking what they want and need.

Volunteers are needed to work whatever hours they are available from August 22 to September 1st to help maintain these donation stations so that they remain tidy. Volunteers are asked to commit at least two hours at a time (from 7 am to 9 pm) and help for 2-4 days during the program. The largest number of volunteers are needed Thursday, Aug. 28th through Sunday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, these are historically the busiest moving days.



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. Volunteers are free to take any items/clothing left in the donation station.



Interested volunteers are invited to attend a short training session August 19 from 8:30am-9:30am at the Public Works Department 1717 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A. Please call 757-5686 to register for the training session. Volunteers will be assigned their duties and locations as well as receive their safety vests and gloves at the training session.

“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 you are making for the environment.”

For more information, please contact Jennifer Gilbert at 757-5686.