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Reduce Regional “Move-Out’ Landfill Waste

**Possible Academic Connections:** Marketing, Environmental Studies

**Recommended project length:** Semester, year or thesis/dissertation

[**Experiential Learning**](https://www.ohio.edu/academic-excellence/experiential-learning/overview)**?** Likely

[**Community Engagement**](https://www.ohio.edu/university-college/campus-community-engagement)**?** Likely

**Remote learning possible?** Likely

**Connection to** [**OHIO Sustainability & Climate Action Plan**](https://www.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/sites/sustainability/files/2021%20OHIO%20Sustainability%20and%20Climate%20Action%20Plan.pdf)**:** Waste, Engagement

**Brief description:** Create a proposal for the Solid Waste District for “Move Out” of dorms, college rentals, empty nesters, relocation and relatives of the deceased.

**Project description:**

Students will create an outreach plan to distribute to students, landlords, realtors and the general public to reduce the amount of materials at “move-out” and to get materials to proper reuse, recycling or disposal locations. The plan should include:

* A resource book and recommendations to the District and university on policies and programs.
* Identification of where unwanted items could go to reduce the materials being disposed of in dumpsters and then the landfill.
* A comprehensive list of items commonly found in a house and where they could possibly go instead of the landfill.
* Best methods to do outreach to the student and outside community about the project.

**Resources available to students/faculty to complete project:**

* Initial Interview with Jane Forrest Redfern, AHSWD, and/or Joanna Sokol, Campus Recycling
* Data from project from Summer of 2021
* Interviews with empty nesters, food advocates, local thrift and restore leadership.
* [Ohio University Move Out guide](https://www.ohio.edu/recycle/guides/move-out).

**Project alignment to** [**OHIO Sustainability & Climate Action Plan**](https://www.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/sites/sustainability/files/2021%20OHIO%20Sustainability%20and%20Climate%20Action%20Plan.pdf)**:**

* [Waste](https://www.ohio.edu/sustainability/operations/waste-management) (goal #1 and #2)
* [Engagement](https://www.ohio.edu/sites/default/files/sites/sustainability/Sustainability%20and%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20sections/Core%20Components.pdf) (goals #1 and #2)

**Please send final project deliverables to** [**sustainability@ohio.edu**](mailto:sustainability@ohio.edu) **for tracking and reporting purposes.**