

Reduce Regional “Move-Out” Landfill Waste

Possible Academic Connections: Marketing, Environmental Studies

Recommended project length: Semester, year or thesis/dissertation

Experiential Learning? Likely

Community Engagement? Likely

Remote learning possible? Likely

Connection to OHIO Sustainability & Climate Action Plan: 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](#).

Project alignment to [OHIO Sustainability & Climate Action Plan](#):

- [Waste](#) (goal #1 and #2)
- [Engagement](#) (goals #1 and #2)

Please send final project deliverables to sustainability@ohio.edu for tracking and reporting purposes.