Hey there, college students and recent graduates!

It’s that time of year again—class is out, the weather’s beautiful, and the lease is up! Our names are Ally and Kaitland, and we have recently graduated and moved out ourselves. Woo-hoo!

Moving out of your rental house can be hard. We’d like to help make your big move a little easier and a little more eco-friendly by providing you with some information about waste, recycling, and donations. Good luck! We believe in you!

You’re Going to Leave Everything to the Last Minute, Aren’t You.

Well, don’t. Believe us...we know how tempting it is to wait until the day-of to throw everything you don’t want out on the curb before leaving. There’s a couple of problems with that, one eensie-weensie problem being that 69 percent of South Carolina’s annual waste has the potential to be recycled.

That’s a lot, folks. You don’t have to be an environmentalist to realize that this is called “being stupid.” Also, Ally received a warning for a $1,050 ticket from the City of Charleston because people had gone through her trash after her move-out. Take a lesson from Ally’s experience and take the time to dispose of trash correctly, and think ahead about recycling and donating!

Donation Guidelines

- To donate your gently-used furniture and household items, call the Livability Division at 843-805-3226 beginning July 25, 2012 to schedule a pick-up by the National Kidney Foundation/Habitat for Humanity.
- Have un-opened food, clothing, electronics or miscellaneous items you’d like to donate? Look here:
  - Goodwill http://www.lowcountrygoodwill.org/retail/?id=357
  - Lowcountry Food Bank http://www.lowcountryfoodbank.org/hope
  - Freecycle.org www.freecycle.org

Recycling Guidelines

- To find out when recycling is picked up from your area and find more info on convenience centers and drop sites, look here:
  - Charleston County recycles glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans and aerosols, plastics 1-7 (except plastic bags, plastic wrap and Styrofoam) and all paper (including shredded), paperboard and cardboard. All of these items can be placed in the street-side blue recycling bins. It is not necessary to bag them.
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  - Be sure to flatten any corrugated cardboard and remove the lids of bottles before recycling them—they can jam machinery at the recycling center.
  - Yard debris can be bagged and put on the curb in brown paper yard bags or taken to Bees Ferry landfill to be recycled into compost.

Hazardous Waste

Medicine Takeback

Garbage Collection Guidelines
- Garbage should not be placed on the curb before 6 pm the day before scheduled pickup. Again, be warned: thousand-dollar fines or jail sentences can be imposed for leaving your open garbage all over the sidewalk. Don’t do it.
- Operation Move-Out asks that you try and use clear plastic bags for your waste. The theory is that if someone is going through your trash and they can see that a bag is clearly full of rotten food, they are less likely to open it and discard its contents on the sidewalk.

- Bulk Trash (furniture, misc. household items) must be piled compactly at the curb or edge of pavement. Boxes and paper should be bundled and tied securely. Bulk trash should not be placed by the curb any earlier than two days before scheduled pickup. The fines and jail time apply to this mandate as well.
- If you live south of Line Street, collection for garbage and bulk trash is on Mondays. If you live north of Line Street, collection of bulk trash is on Tuesdays, while regular garbage is on Wednesdays. For info on garbage collection in other areas of the county, look here: [http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/SolidWaste/garbage.htm](http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/SolidWaste/garbage.htm)

GOOD LUCK!

Feel free to call the Charleston Livability Division at 843.805.3226 or email the CofC Office of Sustainability at sustainability@cofc.edu.