Hello, incoming freshmen and transfer students!

We, student interns at College of Charleston's Office of Sustainability, bet we know what your last couple of weeks before you move to CofC have been like. Your parents are urging you to get EVERY FOOD, CLEANING, AND SCHOOL SUPPLY in the universe. You're trying to decide if you need to bring your winter clothes and hoping your randomly-assigned roommate won't be obnoxious. You're prepping your pet for your absence, hanging out with your high school buddies, scanning the CofC Facebook page and getting ready to make your room the COOLEST ROOM COLLEGE HAS EVER SEEN.

You've got a lot on your mind, but are you thinking about how much waste your move will generate? Probably not. Here are some tips on how to cut down on waste from some kids who have done it all before.

Look online at reslife.cofc.edu to determine if there are common areas, private bathrooms and kitchen appliances. You can also look at the dimensions of existing furniture. Don't plan on bringing your entire room from home with you.

Get in touch with your new roommate ahead of time and coordinate with them on who's bringing what – you can share items like rugs, televisions, and cleaning supplies. Also, you don't have to bring everything in advance! A trip to the nearest consignment store could be fun and help you guys get to know each other better.

Things are going to get lost and broken and beat up and vomited on – so buy your appliances second-hand! Use up the school supplies you already have before going out and buying another round of notebooks for each class that will each only be used a third of the way through.

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SECOND HAND STORES

HOUSEHOLD GOODS
- Habitat for Humanity
- Goodwill
- Children's Cancer Society Thrift Shop
- Salvation Army

CLOTHING/ACCESSORIES
- Holy City Consignment
- The Trunk Show
- Closet Treasures
- Next to New

DOWNTOWN
- Mt. Pleasant
- North Charleston

WEST ASHLEY
- James Island
- Charleston Area Thrift Shop

GOODWILL
-翻页了解更多!
Plastic garbage bags rip and tear. Cardboard boxes can be stacked on a dolly and can be recycled or flattened and stored to be used when you move again! Follow signage for cardboard recycling!

But, how am I going to get around? Great question! Our college has a bike share program that lets students check out bikes for free! Visit bike.cofc.edu for more info!

Want to compost, but don’t have the space? Designated drop off days for compostable items are held Fridays from 9 AM-3 PM at 45 Coming St. Contact cofccomposts@gmail.com for more info!

In res halls both paper and glass/plastic/metal are singlestream but on campus separated according to these streams!

Get a power strip with a surge protector. It will be your best friend because now you’ll have enough plug space for all of your electrical devices. It will be the environment’s best friend because it makes it very convenient for you to turn the power off when you’re not using your devices. Be sure to empty items of any contents and rinse (if possible) before recycling. Remember to flatten down bulkier boxes and place them behind the bin!

You know what really makes a residence hall feel less like a soothing home environment? Fruit flies. Don’t rely on disposable plates and cups that will make your trash stinky; bring a reusable set of dishes. This doesn’t mean you need 10 pounds of silverware and place settings to serve 20. Believe us, a few reusable sets of dishes are the way to go if you want your kitchen area to look and smell clean with minimal amount of cleaning effort.

Get familiar with where to dispose of materials in your residence hall. The office of sustainability has provided a recycling bin in each room for you to collect and empty your recycling to the larger recycling bins (located in central areas). See your RA for more info!

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Resource Recovery Stations have four streams—here’s what goes in which bin.

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Buying a bike? Buy used! The college hosts a bike auction each fall!

Here are some great places to buy used bikes:
- Mike’s Bikes (James Island and Mt. Pleasant)
- Ride Bikes (West Ashley)

Visit sustainability.cofc.edu for more info!

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