

# 10 Tips for a Smooth Move Out

June move out can be hectic but by doing some early preparation, you can have time for finals, say goodbye to friends and feel good about your donations to our local partners.

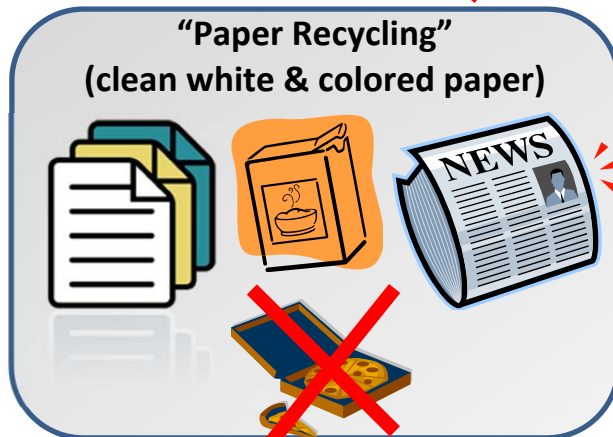
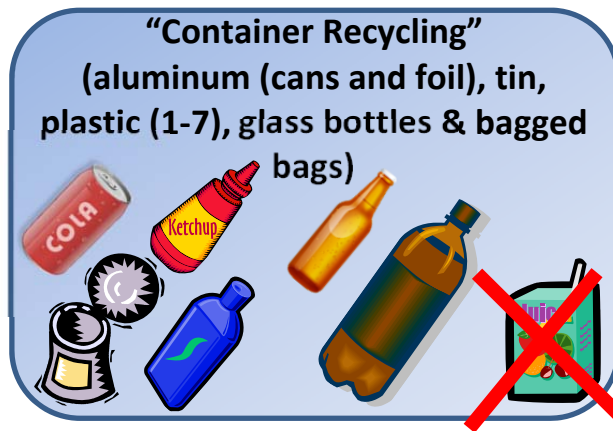
10. **Begin to organize.** Think about what you need for Spring (do you need boxes, can you move some items early), what friends might be interested in, what needs to be recycled or what can be donated.

9. **Stop purchasing items you use infrequently.** Common items in the trash at move out are partially used condiments, cereal and pasta purchased late in the quarter.

8. **Remove recyclables early.** Recycling bins overflow during move out. Clear out extra papers and accumulated cans and bottles can help reduce clutter and leave room for last minute recycling.

7. **Swap items with friends.** Check in with hall mates and other friends and see if anyone is interested in that sweater you haven't worn since last winter, the books for classes next year or that extra water bottle. Be creative, talk to your Res Life staff about organizing a local swap event.

6. **Packing and early moving.** Pack items you don't usually use and, if possible, move some early (like Mother's day or Memorial Day weekend). Moving items early means the rest has a better chance of fitting into the car in June.



5. **Special recycling.** Return compost buckets to Housing Facilities. Wood, metal, rigid plastic and household chemicals can be recycled <http://fixit.ucsc.edu> or call 459-2663 for more information.

4. **Donate what you can.** Goodwill, Hope Services, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest and the Homeless Center partner with us to redistribute used items and food to the community. Look for "Zero Waste Stations" and respect this process by helping us get all donated items to our partners.

3. **Clean and sort your electronics.** Mini-fridges need to be defrosted before you move them – ask your RA/CA/NA where you can do this. Request a pick up of unwanted electronics at <http://fixit.ucsc.edu>, note if it works or not – to help us in our reuse/recycling process.

2. **Clean what you can.** Vacuum your room before finals. By finals week it may be broken or missing. Make sure drawers are emptied. Do not repair minor damage. Notify Housing Facilities at <http://fixit.ucsc.edu> of major damage.

1. **Take the rest home.** Items left are thrown away adding to the landfill in a process that has led to injuries to staff and student workers, help reduce both of these.

**When each of us does a small part, we all work together to clean and prepare your room for Summer Conferees and next year's residents.**