



Moving Sustainably

When packing up and moving homes, there is often a large amount of waste and unwanted items discovered. **Finding ways to reuse and recycle** these items can decrease your ecological footprint and make moving easier. For example, some UQ Colleges collect unwanted clothes through running a charity drive at the end of each year.



Why this is important

- Many items that are disposed of may be recycled or remanufactured to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.
- Unwanted clothes and other bedroom items are often still in working condition and do not need to be thrown away. Remember someone's trash is another's treasure.
- Packing materials use up resources unnecessarily, when there is usually an alternative.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Donate unwanted clothes to charity or organise a college-wide charity drive at the end of each year.
- Recycle or donate old course notes and books.
- Donate your unwanted belongings such as bicycles, lamps, clothes hangers, etc. to other collegians.
- Run a garage or suitcase sale.
- Reuse old boxes and either recycle them or save them for another move.
- Pack items into reusable bags.
- Use clothes, towels and pillows to protect fragile items rather than packing paper.
- If you can, leave plenty of time to pack so that you don't rush and tend to throw out more belongings.



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