



School Facilities Manager Guide to a Zero Waste Dorm Move-out

Each year, students leave dumpsters full of items that still hold value and could be reused or recycled at no cost. The NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) provides programs to help colleges reduce disposal costs from student waste.

refashionNYC makes clothing donation easy through free, convenient in-building donation bins. Schools can enroll to receive bins for dorms. For more information, visit nyc.gov/refashion.

ecycleNYC is a free and convenient electronic waste recycling service. Since 2015, it is illegal to throw out electronics with your trash. Electronics are recycled domestically using the strictest industry and environmental standards available, and data on electronics is fully erased. For more information, visit nyc.gov/ecycle.

donateNYC's online Exchange connects schools looking to get rid of large items with local nonprofits in need. School facilities managers can register as Exchange Users on behalf of their schools to create listings for donation items. Exchanges allow schools to save money on disposal costs while helping local community groups save on purchasing equipment and supplies. To register and start posting listings, visit nyc.gov/donate/exchange.

Keep unwanted items out of landfills by donating directly to local nonprofit organizations. donateNYC Partners accept and distribute second-hand and surplus donated goods to support social services for New Yorkers. Facilities Managers can designate a drop off area for students' items and arrange for a local nonprofit to pick up the donations. For more information about the Partnership program, visit nyc.gov/donate/partnership.