

The University of Texas at Austin Sustainability











West Campus

- 15,000+ units
- 50-80 complexes
- Competitive hauler market
- Most leases end July 31
- Students discard large volume of reusable material
- Overflowing dumpsters & material in right-of-way
 - Dangerous, safety hazards to drivers
 - Impedes emergency vehicles
 - May attract rodents, pests



Dead-end in 2016 where a 2018 drop-off station was located



2017



Why?

- Create convenient outlet for students
- Increase donations to reuse entities
- Move closer towards Austin's Zero Waste goal
- Minimize safety and health hazards
- Decrease clean-up costs for properties
- Reduce eyesores for tenants and community members
- Build sense of community in a highly transient area





Approach





2019 Recap

Property-Specific Efforts

- Mattress sanitization (201 mattresses)
- In-property, open-top donation containers
- Move-in
 - Cardboard collection by reuse org.
 - Plastic film/Styrofoam hauling to RRDOC

Drop-Off Stations

- July 20-21, 26-28 (10 am 5 pm)
- July 31 (8 am 12 pm)
- 10 locations!





2019 Participating Reuse Orgs.









	2018	2019
Dates	July 27 to Aug. 1 (5.5 days)	July 20-21, 26-28, 31 (5.5 days)
# Drop-Off Stations	10	3
Community Volunteers	70	85
Service Hours	311	295
# Drop-Offs	766	Approx. 1,000*
Lbs. Diverted (stations only)	51,780 lbs. (25 tons)	~ 106,552 lbs. (53 tons)
Tons Diverted (all efforts)	62 tons	92 tons
Volume (all efforts)	804 CY	> 1,190 CY (missing data)
Economic Value of Material (all efforts)	\$136,000	> \$184,000



Total Diversion (to date)



28 African elephants (187 tons)

64 school buses (2,303 cubic yards)





Social & Environmental Impacts

- 1,000 meals provided to those in need
- \$15,000+ benefiting programming for children and single-mothers
- 500+ pieces of furniture resold at affordable prices to Austinites











Marketing

- 40+ promotional partners
- 'Perks' program: 24 in store +
 9 onsite coupons/giveaways
- moveoutatx.org
- Paid media spent about \$5,000 both years
- Earned media (Y2)





6,573 unique visitors
5,720 visits
14,500 page views
48% traffic direct
25% traffic social

A STRESS-FREE MOVE-OUT

is steps away from your apartment!

July 26-28 & 31

FIND YOUR NEAREST LOCATION

Donate your unwanted stuff!

Moving out of West Campus? It's easy to give back and give your stuff a second life (we know you can't fit everything in the suitcase or car you moved here with)! **10 donation stations open July 20-21 & 26-28 (11 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and July 31 (8 a.m. - 12 p.m.)!** Reduce stress, get free discounts, support the community, and help keep Austin clean!



HOME DONATE VOLUNTEER PERKSI PARTNERS ABOUT RESOURCES

Successes

- Partnerships!!!!
- Building brand awareness
- Property management buy-in increased in Y2
- Volunteer recruitment
- Code enforcement synergies
- Amount of material collected
- Student convenience





Challenges

Mattresses

- Apt. complex staff education (nonmanagement)
- Full University support/promotion
- Unstaffed locations led to loss of material (pickers and donor hesitancy?)
- Student participation in planning process
- Program sustainability





Your campus/city?

Detailed recap on 2018 pilot: moveoutatx.org/2018







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