Students' items to go to charity

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STORRS — When the University of Connecticut's resident students move out at the end of the academic year, they leave behind an estimated 60 to 80 tons of unwanted items.

This year, the university has established a move-out program, "Give and Go," through which nonprofit agencies can collect the students' leavings and put them to good use.

The intent is to capture re-usable furniture, clothing, appliances, non-perishable food items, and other household goods that otherwise would have been discarded by students leaving residence halls.

Eleven collection points, which will be open from today through Friday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, have been set up on the University of Connecticut campus.

Students, faculty, and community volunteers will staff the sites.

Sixteen agencies and nonprofit organizations will split the dropped-off items.

The program is being run by a coalition of UConn groups, the town of Mansfield, and U-Haul.

For details, contact Jennifer Sayers, university sustainability coordinator, 860-486-5773, or Gina DeVivo-Brassaw, office of community outreach, 860-486-2806.

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