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City of Columbus Adjusts Annual OSU Area Move-out/Move-in Bulk Trash Plan In Wake Of 2009 Budget Cuts

The City of Columbus is providing 11 free bulk trash drop-off locations for Ohio State University area residents as apartments are vacated and furniture and other large items are thrown out prior to students moving in for OSU's fall quarter. The free drop-off locations will be available through September 11. The City's Refuse Collection Division within the Department of Public Service will not provide unscheduled bulk pickup as in previous years because of budget cuts earlier this year that included the layoffs of 25 bulk trash employees. Bulk collection scheduled through 311 will continue, but could take up to four to five weeks to complete.

“We need students, landlords and others to help keep the university area clean by taking their bulk items to the free drop-off locations that will be picked up daily,” said Mark Kelsey, director of the Department of Public Service. “Even with this year’s staff cuts, our refuse crews will be going through campus-area alleys to collect regular trash two or three times a week, more than in any other Columbus neighborhood.”

The bulk trash drop-off locations are:

- ◆ Northeast corner of Grant Avenue and E. 7th Avenue
- ◆ Rear of 51 W. 9th Avenue
- ◆ Rear of 175 W. 9th Avenue
- ◆ Rear of 107-109 E. 11th Avenue
- ◆ Rear of 104 E. 12th Avenue
- ◆ Rear of 155 E. 13th Avenue (available after Aug. 31)
- ◆ Rear of 107 E. 14th Avenue
- ◆ East Woodruff Avenue at Tuller Street
- ◆ 4th Street and Iuka Avenue
- ◆ West Patterson Avenue, next to Tuttle Pool
- ◆ Williams Street, between Oakland and Patterson avenues

Bulk collection reminders include:

- ◆ The city will collect bulk trash only at 11 drop-off sites
- ◆ Do not place bulk trash in regular refuse containers
- ◆ Do not leave bulk trash in alleys.
- ◆ If you can't take your bulk trash to the drop-off sites, contact the city's Call Center at (614) 645-3111 to schedule bulk pick-up. Or go on-line at www.311.columbus.gov

Instead of throwing out used furniture in good, clean condition, residents can be green and donate items to MAP Furniture. MAP distributes the furniture, free of charge, to Columbus families in need.