



Whether you're leaving high school for the summer or graduating, we've put together tips for you to make sure this transition is clean and green!

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Think Before You Toss...

Could Someone Else Use That?



Have you ever heard the expression, "One person's trash is another person's treasure?" Donating items that you no longer need or want is a great way to follow one of the three R's—REUSE. But sometimes trash is just trash, so here are a few tips to help you decide if your trash is a treasure.

- **Clothes:** Last season? A Treasure—Everyone has their own fashion sense. Stained with holes? Trash—Do I really need to explain? Before tossing those out, consider using them for gym or as cleaning rags. If you are crafty, cut the clean portions into squares and make a quilt.
- **Books:** If the book is nonfiction, make sure the information is accurate and would it be relevant to someone else. For example, your three year old driver's education book might not be helpful to someone who's not in driver's ed, especially if some of the traffic laws have changed! Also, make sure the book isn't missing any pages or has been scribbled over.
- **Electronics:** If you get a new mp3 player, donating your old one is a great idea! Just make sure A) it works and B) you've cleared out all of your information. If you still have the instruction manual, that would probably help as well...

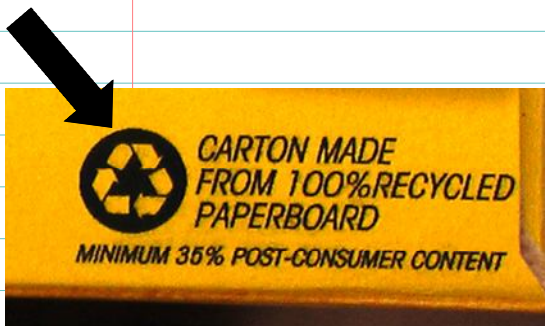
Ready to donate something? Use this website to find a Goodwill location near you: www.goodwillenc.org.



Locker Clean Out

This is a great opportunity to FEED THE BIN with all of your old papers! Just remember...

- It's OK to recycle paper that's been balled up or torn into pieces...like embarrassing notes or old tests!
- Paperclips and staples are OK! You don't have to pull those out.
- You can recycle notebooks, but you'll need to tear out the pages first—just think about an argument you lost during the year and that should give you enough energy to rip those pages right out!
- No glue, paint, or crayon! Sorry, but some of your art projects may need to go in the trash.
- Bad memories? Glossy photographs cannot be recycled. If they were printed on regular computer paper, those are OK to recycle (and feel free to rip them up or draw on them first—just not with crayon).



And for Next School Year....

Buy Recycled School Supplies!

Look for the recycling symbol with the black circle and a label that tells you it was made from recycled content. You can find all kinds of things made from recycled materials, like paper, notebooks, folders, sticky notes, tissues...just keep your eyes open!