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# CSWD Media Alert

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### **SPRING MOVE OUT PROJECT IS MAY 28**

*Annual "swap meet" keeps reusable goods out of landfills.*

Spring is in the air, and students' thoughts turn to ... moving! As students vacate downtown apartments and new residents move into Burlington, all kinds of great items exchange hands in a decade-old, absolutely free tradition known as the Spring Move Out Project (SMOP).

On Friday, May 28 from 11am - 3 pm, Burlington residents and students are encouraged to bring the following items in good condition to a special collection/community swap site on Loomis St. (between School & North Willard streets):

- Clothing (must be clean and dry)
- Books
- Household items
- Furniture
- Non-perishable food

Items not claimed during the event will be donated to local charities, including ReSOURCE, Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, and the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, among others. (NOTE: Loomis St. will be closed to through traffic during this event.)

The Spring Move Out Project (SMOP) started in 2000 and has grown in participation each year. According to Marge Keough of Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD), "SMOP plays an important role in improving community and student relations during the annual spring student exodus from Burlington."

Chris Shackett, Student Government Association Senator and SMOP organizer, notes the dual benefits for students: "They feel good recycling their belongings as they move out of the city, and they get to pick items for their apartments if they are

moving into the community."

Those who can't make it to SMOP should consider donating items directly to one of the organizations listed above. Some may even pick up. Certain items are also accepted at CSWD Drop-Off Centers, though fees may be charged. Looking for stuff at bargain prices (i.e. FREE) and can't make SMOP? Stop by one or all of CSWD's Drop-Off Centers and 'shop' at the ReUse Zone.

For more information about SMOP and CSWD's Drop-Off Centers, log onto [www.cswd.net](http://www.cswd.net) or call 872-8111.

This Spring Move Out Project is a collaborative effort by the City of Burlington, the University of Vermont, Chittenden Solid Waste District, ReSOURCE, Champlain College and the Center for Community and Neighborhoods.

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