

Have you got items to throw out or donate?

It's nearly time for the annual housing changeover that takes place at the start of the summer, and you'll no doubt already be thinking ahead to packing up and moving out yourselves – along with thousands of other students and young professionals across North Leeds.

We've got some tips below to help you get rid of unwanted items and rubbish, as well as opportunities to do some good in the local communities in which you've been living.

Every year we see perfectly good food, clothing and other items thrown away as people don't have the time or capacity to recycle or donate them. We also see piles of rubbish left spilling out onto the streets. We've teamed up with several other organisations and local charities to make this year's move-out less painful – and more sustainable.

At Sugarhouse we hate waste, and with your help we can ensure that unwanted items are re-used, recycled and given to families in need of some support.

Below is some information on things you can do to help.

The Trussell Trust; Pop Up Foodbank In Our Office



The Trussell Trust supports a nationwide network of food banks and provides emergency food and support to people in poverty, whilst campaigning for change to end the need for food banks in the UK, which are currently more in demand than ever before.

We have set up a Food Donation Drop-Off Point for The Trussell Trust in our office, so when you return your keys you can simply drop off any unused food off at the same time.

Before you donate it, please check that the food is unopened, in date and fits into one of the below categories;



- Milk (UHT)
- Fruit Juice (Long Life)
- Sweet And Savoury Spreads
- Sponge Puddings (Long Life)
- Tinned Vegetables
- Rice
- Cereals/Muesli/Granola
- Pasta/Curry Sauce
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Meat
- Biscuits
- Toilet Roll
- Powdered Milk (Not Baby Milk)

If you have anything on the list then just drop it into our office and we'll do the rest. **Please do not** donate fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh meat, out of date items or food with opened packaging.

Please visit <https://www.trusselltrust.org> for more information on the great work they do.

The Leeds and Moortown Furniture Store; Unwanted Furniture

To avoid properties becoming overcrowded with furniture, and to ensure that all furniture in our houses meets fire safety standards, we cannot permit tenants to leave behind their own items at the end of a tenancy. If it wasn't provided by the landlord then it will need to be removed.

There are many local charities that accept furniture donations; however, it is often difficult to transport bulkier items to the drop off points. We have spoken with **Leeds and Moortown Furniture Store, who have advised that they will collect unwanted items of furniture from the property for you, and will donate them to those in need.** They have supported families in Leeds since 1986 and are another charity that is seeing increased demand for its services.

You will need to book ahead for collections; full details can be found on their website;

<http://www.leedsandmoortown.org.uk/>

If It Can't Be Donated, Please Make Sure You Bin It!



Leeds City Council have advised that they will fine anyone who doesn't dispose of waste correctly so please ensure that you don't leave overflowing bins and unwanted items in the street come the end of your tenancy (it's also not very nice for your neighbours!).

- There are two nearby bulk waste disposal sites ("tips") where you can dispose of and recycle excess waste. One is at Kirkstall, and the other is on Meanwood Road. If you have rubbish that won't fit in your wheelie bins, it is your responsibility to take it to a waste disposal site. The cost of removing any rubbish left outside properties will be charged back to you on your deposit return.
- Make sure you're filling your bins in the weeks leading up to moving out to avoid everything being thrown out in one go.
- Ensure rubbish is placed in the correct bins (black for general rubbish, green for recycling).
- Make use of the Leeds Bins App to remind you when your bins are being collected.
- Don't leave items in the street; if its not in a bin it won't be collected, and the council will charge you for its removal.

We're helping to provide mobile waste wagons

As member of the Leeds Property Association (LPA), we'll be supporting them again this year, to provide two mobile waste wagons to help clear up some of the streets around Headingley and Hyde Park. This was a great success last year, we removed 7000kg of waste from the streets!

Look Out For Charity Clothing Pop Ups

There has also been talk of local charities putting out pop-up clothes banks and donation centres; keep an eye out for these around the area closer to the time.

Leeds City council will also be writing to all households in LS6 – look out for these letters as they will list any additional support that they will be providing this year.

***We'd Be Really Grateful If You Could Help Us To
Make A Difference! Thanks!***