Hey, Orson, that’s a really odd look for graduation this year. I know, but Wells is graduating a really odd bunch this year! That’s not a nice thing to say about our graduating seniors.

Are you kidding? It’s a source of pride among these odd year graduates that they are “the oddest of the odd”.

Well, Orson, since you are one of the oddest birds to come down the pike, you are the perfect mascot for this class. Hey, I resemble that remark! Go, ODDS! Please... GO!! 🎉

Trash2Treasure

Our Spring move-out collection is ON from May 1 thru May 19.

Look for the marked collection bins in residence hall common areas where you can deposit these clean, still-usable items:

- Clothing
- Footwear
- Linens and towels
- School supplies
- Art supplies
- Costumes
- Room decorations
- Room furnishings
- Arts & craft supplies
- Cleaning supplies
- Personal care products
- Housewares
- Textbooks, trade books, CDs
- Appliances

You can also drop off clean, gently-used items listed above at the Bargain Basement in Main or put school or office supplies in the RUMPUS Room in 111A Macmillan Hall. Or you can bring your items to the Center for Sustainability classroom, Zabriskie 212.

Have non-perishable food items you won’t eat before the end of the semester? Drop them off at the Campus Food Pantry, 107 Cleveland Hall.

Installments

What do you do if you find things in your office or residence hall room that are NOT still usable?

E-waste—do you have electronic items that no longer work? You can bring broken electronic items, along with cords, chargers, mice, ear buds, etc. to the IT office area in the basement of Macmillan Hall. When their e-waste collection box gets filled, IT has these items picked up by EWaste+, an e-waste recycler who responsibly handles such items, keeping heavy metals out of the environment, and destroying computer hard drives so sensitive data is not compromised.

Batteries - you can bring rechargeable batteries or button batteries (which contain heavy metals) to the collection boxes in the Sustainability Center classroom, Zabriskie 212. Single use alkaline batteries can be safely put right into landfill trash.

Light bulbs - we collect bulbs to keep fluorescent lamps out of the landfill—they contain mercury. Old blown incandescent bulbs or non-working LED bulbs can be safely put in landfill trash.

Plastic bags - Be aware that New York State will phase in a plastic bag ban this year. Plan ahead to stock up on reusable shopping bags; meantime, we accept used plastic bags in Zabriskie 212.

“Installment” is a double play on words: These sustainability mini-newsletters are placed inside bathroom cubicles (“in stalls”) and the informational content changes periodically (in “installments”).

Get it? Got it? Good!

If we gotcha with a GOTCHA card this block, be sure to redeem it for your free drink refill in your own reusable beverage container before May 18.

Faculty and staff: this is a great time for YOU to “clear the decks” of non-longer needed or unusable items from your office space, too. Feel free to bring items from the Trash2Treasure list directly to the Sustainability Center classroom in Zabriskie 212.

For anyone who will be out of their office for extended periods this summer (off contract or on vacation), please make sure you turn off and unplug any appliances or equipment, including computers, microwaves, small refrigerators, etc. Many plug-in-able items - so-called “energy vampires” - continue to draw power even when the item is switched off. Help Wells pull the plug on energy waste this summer!

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