

Take It or Leave It Tour



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GREEN

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RECYCLES



copy
30% recycled

STAPLES

BANKERS BOX

84
20

3000 sheets
8 1/2 x 11 in.
with staples
50% recycled
model 602072



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...is North Carolina's urban research institution, and the largest public university in the greater Charlotte-metro area.

- **4th largest** of the 17 schools in the UNC system
- **25,000 students enrolled** (approx. 5,000 housed on campus)
- **Approx. 3,000 faculty and staff**
- **1,000-acre campus** (approx. 650 acres developed)
- **Approx. 75 buildings** (4.5 million sq. ft.) used for daily operations



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The Office of Waste Reduction & Recycling



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- Officially began in 1992 (first Recycling Coordinator hired)
- Currently have 15 staff members
 - Four Office/Administrative positions that oversee
 - Construction/Demolition recycling program
 - Waste hauling & recycling contracts
 - Education (class programs, tours, posters, etc.)
 - Special Events (Earth Day, campus cleanups, etc.)
 - 11 Collections Staff (includes Supervisor)
 - Service over 1,300 recycling bins distributed throughout buildings and developed grounds



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The “Take It or Leave It Tour” puts the emphasis back on **REDUCING** and **REUSING** and promotes one simple way to decrease waste: giving away items that can be reused.





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Recycling staff collect reusable items from the recycling bins during their daily collection route. We also have students and staff drop items off at “Take It or Leave It” events.

NOTE: We do not give away State-owned items. State property is handled through Surplus Operations.



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Quality books, notebooks, magazines, electronics, posters, and sporting goods serve as the bulk of our giveaway program.





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To address the lack of available space for a reuse store at UNC Charlotte, the “Take It or Leave It Tour” becomes a mobile reuse center.





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The “Take It or Leave It Tour” is simple to operate and is managed by one staff member using an electric cart to travel to academic and residence areas.





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It's easy for most visitors to drop by the "Take It or Leave It Tour" during class change, or while running office errands.





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Over the last 3 1/2 years the “Take It or Leave It Tour” has collected and given away thousands of pounds of items.





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The program is an easy way for students and staff to be “green”. Participants in the “Take It or Leave It Tour” seem to be more active recyclers and environmentally aware.





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