



# WasteBuster Apartments



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Apartment complex with primarily students as residents has offered recycling since it opened last year. A cardboard dumpster and multiple recycling carts are on the property, as well as small bins in the offices and computer lab.



## Student residents don't need class in recycling



Where a sprawling tobacco warehouse once stood on Angliana Avenue, there is now an apartment complex catering to the student population at the University of Kentucky. The 5twenty four Angliana apartment complex opened in August 2009 with 220 units of one-to-four bedrooms. Within easy walking distance of UK, the lobby has a stack of *Kentucky Kernel* newspapers on the glass coffee table and ESPN on the TV. The complex's manager, Dave Weaver, says at 43, he's the oldest person living there.

Weaver says from the beginning the owners wanted a recycling program, and that implementing it was easy. Information on recycling is included in the move-in packet and Earth Day, which is in April, is celebrated with a residents' party, along with Keeneland's spring meet.

5twenty four has 18 Rosie recycling carts in two locations on the property, including one

by the mailboxes, and a dumpster dedicated to cardboard. There are small recycling bins in the offices and the computer lab. Weaver says they have considered putting recycling carts near the stairwells, but there is concern those might end up with trash in them. And, he says, students don't mind walking to drop off recyclable materials.

Weaver says the complex as a whole is trying to be more environmentally friendly. They have reduced paper use by corresponding with residents on line. They also are replacing all their incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones.

People make the difference when it comes to recycling and taking care of the environment, Weaver says. "Students are activists; they look at things differently from the older generation," Weaver says, "They don't say: 'It's only one bottle, I'll just put it in the trash,' they will recycle it."



## Pet waste, grease, litter affect our waterways

What leaves your apartment complex can affect Lexington's water quality. Here's how you can help.

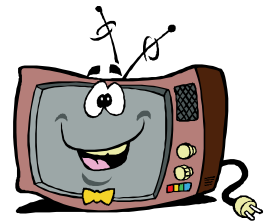
- Remind residents to pick up after their pet. Pet waste left on the ground allows harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain and eventually end up in our local creeks, streams, and rivers.
- Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from cooking can cause serious pipe clogs and backups in your residents' apartments. PRIDE has a FOG fact sheet you can distribute with information on proper disposal. Call 266.1572 to request it.
- Litter can find its way into local waterways. Maintaining a litter-free property helps protect local waterways and makes your property more attractive.
- Educate your residents about quickly repairing any leaks from their vehicles. Motor oil and other auto fluids can be extremely harmful to wildlife and water quality.
- Become a Live Green Lexington Water Partner with Bluegrass PRIDE. By signing up for this free program, you will find many ways to improve Lexington's water. Contact Bluegrass PRIDE at 266.1572 or visit [www.bgPRIDE.org/waterpartnerprogram.htm](http://www.bgPRIDE.org/waterpartnerprogram.htm) for more information.

## Help residents recycle instead of trashing unwanted items

The season for move-outs and new tenants has arrived. Follow these helpful tips to reduce waste when your residents move out.

In your newsletter or through a hand-out, promote the following locations where your residents can donate or recycle unwanted household items.

- **Habitat for Humanity Re-Store:** home décor, furniture (no clothing), 451 Southland Drive
- **Goodwill (5 stores) and The Salvation Army, 227 New Circle Road, NE:** furniture, household items, clothing, shoes, books
- **Lexington's electronics recycling facility, 1306 Versailles Road:** any electronic item with a battery or plug, broken or working. Hours to drop off electronics are: Mon., Tues., Sat., 8 a.m. to noon; Wed., Thurs., Fri., noon to 4 p.m.
- Promote Lexington's "Spring Clean" household hazardous waste event on Saturday, April 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1631 Old Frankfort Pike. Residents can take cleaning agents, household chemicals, and motor oil for safe disposal. More information can be found at [www.lexingtonky.gov](http://www.lexingtonky.gov).
- Make sure residents know the proper procedure for getting rid of bulky items such as mattresses and tires. Designate a location on the property where these items can be placed for pickup by the city. Call LexCall at 311 or 425-2255 for more information.



## Glass separation ends June 1

As of June 1, glass does not have to be separated from other recyclable materials. If you have a cart marked "glass only," it can be used for all materials. Call PRIDE at 266.1572 if you want a new sticker that says "Recyclable Materials Only" to cover the glass sticker on the bins.

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