

Case Study in Reuse: Ursinus College



“The projects this summer allowed us to contribute to a great cause and still complete project work on time and on budget. These results have a great impact on our sustainability efforts. They not only show our students and community that Ursinus is committed to the triple bottom line; they show that the triple bottom line is something you can achieve.”

Andy Feick
Director of Facilities
Ursinus College

Ursinus (Collegeville, PA) needed to clean out a dormitory in advance of a summer renovation. And there were numerous furniture replacement projects scheduled over the summer. In addition, the school had accumulated and stashed away old furniture in multiple locations around campus – some in “official” storage areas, more in closets and basements. All in all, there were more than 1,000 pieces that needed to go away over the summer.

Ursinus and IRN planned three coordinated cleanouts over three months. The first focused on the dormitory, which had to be emptied on a time line to meet the construction schedule. The second swept out stored furniture and the first wave from summer replacement projects. The third collected the remainder from the summer projects, and the last pieces that were hiding in storage.

In all, Ursinus shipped six shipping containers totaling more than 28 tons of surplus. The surplus was shipped to relief projects in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Jamaica. According to Facilities Director Andy Feick, almost all of this is tonnage that would have been landfilled as waste.



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Ursinus Dorm Cleanout