

# MOVING OUT?

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS  
LEAVING PRIVATE RENTAL  
ACCOMMODATION



**QUEEN'S  
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BELFAST**



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**Keeping People Safe**



## **MOVING OUT TIPS...**

Classes are finished, the exams are over and it's time to enjoy the summer break. But, before you go, here are some tips on how to make a positive impact in the community and avoid any glitches that might ruin your summer fun.



# THE END OF YEAR CLEAR OUT!

Make sure you tidy up your house, yards and gardens to get your deposit back and keep the neighbourhood clean.

Instead of throwing away your old stuff, why not support the **Queen's Big Give** and donate it to charity:

## SMALLER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

From 14 May–9 June, boxes collecting kitchenware, clothes, bags, jewellery, books etc for the British Heart Foundation will be based at:

- Queen's Students' Union
- MBC (Lisburn Road)
- Ashby (Stranmillis Road)



Collection bags can be picked up from the Students' Union reception – fill them up and drop in a collection box, or call 028 9024 5838 to request a free house collection.

## FURNITURE AND LARGER ITEMS

Storehouse, Oxfam (Dublin Road), St Vincent de Paul, East Belfast Mission, and Action Cancer (Lisburn and Ormeau Roads) can collect used furniture from your house.

For further information:

[www.belfastcity.gov.uk/bins-recycling/recycling/charitydonations.aspx](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/bins-recycling/recycling/charitydonations.aspx)

## FOOD

Drop off non-perishable food for South Belfast Foodbank at:



- Queen's Students' Union: 14 May–9 June
- Common Grounds Café: 12–24 University Ave, Tuesday–Friday, 10am–4pm until 25 May 2018
- City Church: 12–24 University Ave, 9.30am–1.30pm (please ring the bell)

For other drop off options, call 077 4333 2489 or email [info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk)

## BIKES

The Green Bicycle Company collect unwanted bikes to revamp for sale. Text 075 2277 2788 or for further info, <http://greenbicycle.co.uk/>

## LOOK OUT FOR UPDATES

@QUBSU, @greenatqueens and @QUBEngagement #QUBigGive



## RECYCLE!

Did you know landfill costs around ten times more than recycling?



There is a recycling depot at 6 Park Road (at the top of the Ormeau Park).

For local recycling information check out the Belfast Bin-Ovation app or [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/bins-recycling/bins-recycling.aspx](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/bins-recycling/bins-recycling.aspx)

### **BULKY AND ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

Bulky and electrical items should not be thrown in the general waste bin. It is also illegal to dump items in alleyways or on the street and you can be fined. Call the Council on 028 9027 0230 to arrange a free collection or donate it to charity.





## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Remember to keep the noise down and outside areas clean. You are subject to the Conduct Regulations until you graduate.

Noise disturbances can lead to a fine or court appearance.

To report noise, contact 028 9037 3006 or email [envhealth@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@belfastcity.gov.uk).

## DON'T LOSE YOUR DEPOSIT!

At the end of the tenancy you are entitled to **get your deposit back** (with deductions if there is any damage etc). By law, your landlord should have protected your deposit in a Tenancy Deposit Scheme. If you don't agree with the amount your landlord wants to pay back, contact the scheme administrator.

For further information, contact Belfast City Council on 028 9091 8715 or [envhealth@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@belfastcity.gov.uk)

To increase your chance of getting back your deposit:

- **Tidy Up:** Clear rubbish from front and back yards and make sure you leave your property as you found it.
- **Manage Visitors and Friends:** Remember you are responsible for your property and all visitors to it. **Don't let friends use the property when you are not there.** You could lose your deposit if they cause damage.
- **Sub-letting:** Landlord contracts normally prevent you from sub-letting – **make sure you check first.** You will be liable for damage or unpaid rent.

For advice on deposits and other housing issues, go to [www.qbsu.org/AdviceSU/Accommodation/](http://www.qbsu.org/AdviceSU/Accommodation/)

# WELFARE AND SAFETY

## PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Shred paperwork containing your personal details. Personal documents left in properties may be thrown out putting you at risk of identity theft or a fine for littering!

## LOCK UP!

Keep your house secure when you are not there and take your valuables with you.

## BEAT THE BURGLAR

Keep yourself safe. Request a Beat the Burglar box from Community Engagement at [community@qub.ac.uk](mailto:community@qub.ac.uk) or AdviceSU [studentadvice@qub.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@qub.ac.uk)

Read the PSNI's Student Safety Advice at [www.psnipolice.uk/advice\\_information/advice-for-students/](http://www.psnipolice.uk/advice_information/advice-for-students/)

# NEED HELP OR ADVICE?

PSNI 101  
Emergency 999  
Belfast City Council 028 9032 0202

## INSPIRE (STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICE)

Queen's University  
0808 800 0016  
[qubstudents@inspirewellbeing.org](mailto:qubstudents@inspirewellbeing.org)

Belfast Metropolitan  
0808 800 0032

## STUDENT SUPPORT AND ADVICE SERVICES

Queen's University  
028 9097 2893 (Student Wellbeing)  
[studentadvice@qub.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@qub.ac.uk) (Advice SU)  
[su.vpelfare@qub.ac.uk](mailto:su.vpelfare@qub.ac.uk) (SU Welfare Officer)

Belfast Metropolitan College  
028 9026 5184  
[www.belfastmet.ac.uk](http://www.belfastmet.ac.uk)

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