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TENANT RESOURCE CENTER HAS TIPS FOR CURB-PICKING, EXTRA OFFICE HOURS...

IS IT HERE ALREADY?! Yes, Hippie Christmas, dumpster diving, whatever you want to call it, it's well under way as Madison enters the um... magical weeks during which thousands of renters exchange apartments and furnishings.

More than ever before, the Tenant Resource Center has a very important reminder for people looking to snag some cheap furnishings while on the move:

- Inspect all items closely for signs of pests
- No matter what they look like, leave upholstered items on the curb!

No matter how new and appealing a piece of furniture might look just sitting there waiting for a new home, remember that cockroaches and those dreaded and persistent BED BUGS love to stow away in the dark, tight spaces of upholstered furniture and cardboard boxes.

If you are moving and disposing of any items such as mattresses or pillows that you believe might be infested, consider spray painting the item with the words "BED BUGS" to deter others from picking up the item, and spreading the infestation further.

Online bed bug resources:

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/bedbugs/>

<http://www.entomology.cornell.edu/Extension/DiagnosticLab/IDLFS/BedBugs/BedBugs.html>

AND DON'T FORGET! TRC will have extended office hours and information tables at community festivals this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Just drop by our main office at 1202 Williamson Street (open both Saturday and Sunday), AFRICA FEST at Warner Park (Saturday only), or TRIANGLE ETHNIC FEST at the "Triangle" at Braxton Place (Sunday only)—all from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Please visit TRC at any of these locations if you have moving-related or other rental problems over the weekend.

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