

THINK GREEN NEWS

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STILL HAVE YOUR TREE?

RECYCLE IT!

Bring your Christmas tree (and leaves and brush) to OCRRA's Amboy or Jamesville Compost Site January 4 – 16, 2016.

Tree Drop-Off Hours (at both sites):

- Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm.
- Saturday, 9 am - noon.
- Sunday, CLOSED.

In the spring, the trees are ground into mulch that will be used in gardens and landscaping throughout the community!

DETAILS:

Remove all decorations, lights, tinsel, plastic bags and tree stands.

While yard waste and brush are also accepted at no charge during this time, wreaths with metal or Styrofoam frames will not be accepted.

ALTERNATIVE:

Most municipalities offer a curbside collection program, too. Contact your town or village for more info.

Remove all decorations, lights, tinsel and tree stands.

Place the tree at your curb during your regularly scheduled trash/recycling pick-up time. Please, no plastic bags on it.

Holiday Coat Drive a Success!

Greg Colella, EPIC HB Instructional Designer in IMT, believes in sustainability and in helping people. To do so this holiday season, he combined his passions and coordinated our first *Think Green Coat Drive*. In just two short weeks, Upstate's generous members donated 129 new or gently used coats. The coats were donated to the local Rescue Mission specifically to the Outreach Department to be given directly to those in need.

This initiative is a great example of how re-using and repurposing our unwanted items can help others and the environment at the same time.

Special thanks to those below for stepping up to oversee a collection box:

- Daneen Bellinger, UH – 5A
- Heather Nelson, IHP
- Jason Rupert, EVS
- Kevin Baber, CC – Clinical Engineering
- Nancy Burtis, Health Sciences Library
- Greg Colella, Clark Tower & Widewaters
- Kristin Thompson, 250 Harrison
- Erin Peters, Weiskotten Hall



Extra kudos to
Community Campus
Clinical Engineering
for gathering over 50
coats, Nursing Unit

5A for gathering 4
large boxes and
250 Harrison for 2
large bags!



Final Update – Medicine Bottles for Malawi

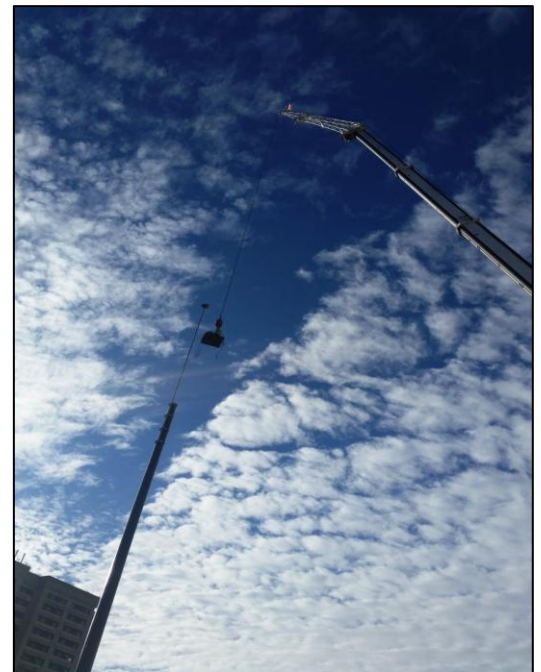


On December 20, 2015, The Malawi Project officially announced it has collected more than one million pill containers! Due to the huge response, that particular program has been discontinued. According to the Malawi Project Board of Directors, they will instead focus attention on (1) famine relief, (2) getting medical supplies, including 30 kidney dialysis machines, to Malawi as well as another shipment of over 500 wheelchairs and, (3) gaining the funds from contributors to build a new birthing center south of the capital city of Lilongwe. They thank everyone for their support of the pill container program and ask for continued support of future projects. <http://malawiproject.org/medicine-bottles-for-malawi/>

IT'S A BIRD...IT'S A PLANE...NO, IT'S A GIANT CRANE!

Weiskotten Hall Addition Lab Exhaust Retrofit

Weiskotten Addition, the main research laboratory facility on campus, is a 10-story structure with numerous research and classroom laboratories. The labs are equipped with numerous constant volume chemical fume hoods. Ventilation to the building is 100% outdoor air employing constant volume reheat. Estimated energy used exceeds 700 mmBTU per year, almost 7.5% of the campus total energy use and with costs that exceed \$1 million per year. The project outline consists of conversion of fume hood fans to variable volume, occupancy controls on ventilation, retrofit Air Handling Units to variable volume. Energy use in the building is expected to be cut by 35% when retrofit is completed in 2016.



Above: The crane installs the variable volume exhaust fans atop the fan tower, the critical piece of the project's energy saving strategy.

Below: Adjustable door threshold.

ENERGY SAVING TIP

If you can see daylight under your front door, then you are losing indoor air. If the door is not in contact with the threshold, the air is going right under the door. Some thresholds have four or five screws that let you adjust the height to eliminate a gap. Turn the screws counterclockwise to lift the threshold until daylight is mostly gone. A little light in the corners is okay, but do not raise the threshold so high that it interferes with opening and closing the door.

