2025 SCRAM OVERVIEW



University of Washington students living in campus housing donate their unwanted items to local organizations through the Student Cleanup, Recycle & Moveout (SCRAM) event. Housing & Food Services and UW Recycling organize the annual event, which takes place during finals week of spring quarter.

UW Recycling partners with local non-profits and other UW organizations to receive the donated material. SCRAM promotes a cycle of reuse within the Seattle community and saves tons of materials from going to the landfill each year. In 2025, the SCRAM event redirected 29.86 tons for reuse. 0.94 tons of material were diverted into other waste streams (compost, recycling, etc.) during SCRAM. Combined, this equals a total of 30.8 tons of material saved from the landfill.

DONATED & REUSED MATERIAL

CATEGORY	TONS
Clothing & accessories	7.99
Hygiene & cleaning products	0.54
Emergency backpacks	4.03
Food	1.71
Household goods items like kitchenware, décor, closet organizers, etc.	6.01
Electronics items like lamps, computer monitors and accessories (mice, keyboards), cables, surge protectors, etc.	1.86
Art & school supplies	0.41
UW Surplus mini-fridges* and other miscellaneous donations	7.31
Total	29.86

DIVERTED MATERIAL

CATEGORY	TONS
Recycle categories combined for total: mixed recycling, construction & demolition, plastic film, metal, cooking oil, Styrofoam, eMedia & batteries, lightbulbs	0.89
Compost	0.04
Liquids emptied from containers	0.01
Total	0.94

29.86 tons of material redirected to reuse through SCRAM





Partners for each SCRAM event are chosen based off an organization's ability to accept and distribute large volumes of material.

2025 SCRAM PARTNERS & TYPES OF DONATIONS RECEIVED



NORTHWEST CENTER

clothing, accessories, kitchenware, books, games & electronics



DOWNTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICE CENTER (DESC)

emergency backpacks, microwaves, bedding, and cleaning & hygiene supplies



YWCA

various household goods, kitchenware, small appliances, electronics & furniture



PLYMOUTH HOUSING

various household goods, kitchenware, small appliances, electronics & furniture



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT FOOD BANK

unopened, non-perishable food



CITY OF SEATTLE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

emergency backpacks



UW FOOD PANTRY

unopened, non-perishable food & menstrual products



UW SURPLUS

resold and disposed of mini-fridges; also took items other partners did not claim



FREE MATERIALS LIBRARY

UW SCHOOL OF ART + ART HISTORY + DESIGN art & school supplies



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM

UW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH various household goods, kitchenware, small appliances & furniture

DONATION WEIGHTS PER ORGANIZATION

REGIONAL PARTNER	MATERIAL WEIGHT (ROUNDED TONS)
Northwest Center	11.20
Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC)	5.06
YWCA Seattle King Snohomish	2.15
Plymouth Housing	0.78
University District Food Bank	1.06
City of Seattle Emergency Management	0.99
Total	21.25 (21.245)

ON-CAMPUS PARTNER	MATERIAL WEIGHT (ROUNDED TONS)
UW Food Pantry	0.68
UW Surplus - mini-fridges	5.75
UW Surplus - other items	1.56
Free Materials Library (UW School of Art + Art History + Design)	0.41
International Student Success Program	0.21
Total	8.61 (8.614)