

Clean Sweep 2009!

Saturday, June 20th

Now in its eighth year, Clean Sweep has become a highly anticipated end of term tradition for departing Bates students, local non-profit organizations and deal-seeking Lewiston/Auburn residents. Each spring students donate somewhere in the order of 5000 unwanted items, but not many of us know where our secondhand goods end up.

As students leave for the summer and faculty and staff do some spring cleaning, volunteers from local organizations collect items left behind in campus houses, dorms and off-campus apartments, and organize, clean and tag the items in preparation for a huge garage sale, open to the public. It's a lot of work. Volunteers spend the better part of a month on this. But in the end it's worth it - sale items fill Underhill arena and sometimes overflow. The sale typically raises from \$10,000 to \$17,000, all of which goes to the local non-profit organizations whose volunteers worked to make it happen. And an arena-sized amount of stuff is reused rather than wasted.

This year the sale is on Saturday, June 20th, 8am-3pm in Underhill Arena.

[What is Clean Sweep?](#)

<http://abacus.bates.edu/~jrosenba/What'scleansweep.pdf>

[How do I donate items?](#)

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[What items are accepted?](#)

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[When can I donate?](#)

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