

Survey: Americans abandon large furniture when moving

April 19 -- Grandma's sleeper sofa was just too heavy.

A new survey reports that millions of Americans have already or plan to discard a large piece of furniture when moving, according to AmericanListed.Com, a free, hyper local online classified Web site.

More than 25% of those surveyed during a telephone survey that they simply abandoned or plan to leave behind furniture when moving instead of recycling or selling the items. And that means plenty of material headed to landfills, the Web site said.

To help increase couch recycling, AmericanListed.com has launched a campaign to stop what it calls "couch abandonment."

"Moving may be a hectic time, but people need to realize that the furniture they discard adds up and hurts our environment," said Thomas Westling, president of AmericanListed.com. "This Earth Day, we want to remind people that there are easy ways to recycle furniture, such as posting a couch on AmericanListed.com, so that the item can be reused. The person moving can even put a little money in their pocket towards expenses while taking an item out of a landfill and doing some environmental good."

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