

The Professor Who Lives In A Dumpster

Professor Jeff Wilson, aka Professor Dumpster, is an environmental scientist. He's also the dean of Huston Tillotson University in Austin, Texas.

Why is he called "Professor Dumpster"? He has decided to live in a dumpster for a year.

Professor Dumpster says the inspiration for this project happened two years ago. He had always been trying to educate people about the amount of the natural resources a single home consumes and the waste it produces. One day, he was working on an article at a coffee shop when he noticed an eight-yard dumpster. That size dumpster is approximately 7 feet high, 8 feet long and 7 feet wide.

He thought that it would make an excellent 'low environment impact' home which would reduce his ecological footprint.

Professor Dumpster's apartment lease was about to run out, so he figured that this was the right time to start his ambitious plan.

He allowed his apartment lease to run out and didn't renew it. He sold all of his possessions and moved into his office in the university. While he was living in his office, Professor Dumpster began looking for a suitable dumpster to move into.

He bought a brand spanking new eight-yard dumpster and put his students to work. Their assignment: to convert his 33 square foot dumpster into a modern living space. He wanted his dumpster to include a shower, toilet, kitchen, bed, and even air conditioning and WiFi. And there was one catch: it also had to be "green" and sustainable.

Professor Dumpster's dumpster home is finished and boasts some pretty impressive statistics. At 33 square feet, it uses zero electricity, only four gallons of water per day, and produces no trash. The average American home uses about 9,500 kilowatts of electricity per month. The average American home also uses about 400 gallons of water per day and generates 4.5 pounds of trash per day.

Professor Dumpster is doing this project because the world is becoming overpopulated. As our already high population rises, there will be less space for all of us to live and fewer resources for us to use. Professor Dumpster hopes to spread awareness about this, and to encourage people to use fewer natural resources.

After the year of dumpster living is up, Professor Dumpster plans on taking the dumpster across the United States, educating students about the possibility of following in his 'less is more' footsteps.

He said: 'We hope the dumpster will become a conversation box on subjects as wide as tiny housing, energy sustainability, science education, and higher quality of life.'

