B-67 got a face lift and a new purpose! From its once humble beginnings as an Albertson’s grocery store, then a BYU warehouse, and finally a home to Outdoors Unlimited in 2012 and recently the new location of the Museum of Peoples and Cultures, B-67 has had a remarkable transformation. Outdoors Unlimited was relocated to B-67 from the southeast corner of the Wilkinson Student Center (where “The Wall” is currently located). Plans were considered to relocate Outdoors Unlimited to a variety of other locations. However, the idea surfaced to relocate the operation to B-67 at 2201 North Canyon Road, Provo, which, at that time, was primarily a storage facility for the University. The idea was to put Outdoors Unlimited closer to the canyon with easier access so it could be better utilized. Since their first year of operation at B-67, Outdoors Unlimited has indeed had increased business and, with the addition of ample parking and a loading/unloading zone, has been welcomed. The museum, which had been housed in Allen Hall for 30+ years, has been using space in B-67 for several years to store some of their collections. The relocation of the museum to B-67 was the largest single construction project ever to be completed solely by BYU Physical Facilities Shops. Initially there was some concern in moving a museum into an “old warehouse.” However, most now agree that the “old warehouse” has been transformed into a unique, functional and state-of-the-art facility. The museum is now able to house gallery space, research space, collections and day-to-day operations all under the same roof...and they are doing it with style!

The final piece to the B-67 puzzle was to see what could be done to the exterior so that it didn’t look like an old Albertsons grocery store. The decision was made early in the design process to create a new front façade where both Outdoors Unlimited and the museum would be separate, distinct and easily identifiable but where each was complimentary to an integral and contiguous whole. The ideas, talents and abilities of many were utilized to bring each of these projects to fruition. Many thanks to all who had a part, large or small, in this revitalization of B-67.

The university encourages everyone to visit the “improved” Outdoors Unlimited & Museum of Peoples and Cultures to see why, together, they are the perfect fit to a once-challenging puzzle.
Spring, summer, fall and winter bring different challenges to the Gardening Maintenance crew of the Grounds department. Spring and summer bring gardening routines which include seven core tasks that all the gardeners are asked to do daily:
- Collecting Litter/trash – both on the ground and at the receptacles.
- Trimming
- Edging
- Mowing
- Weeding/cultivating mulch
- Cleaning up
- Checking/repairing sprinklers

Flowers are planted twice a year: in May about 120,000 annual plants are placed and again, in September, around 70,000 bulbs and 110,000 pansies are planted. Special outdoor events throughout the year also require the Gardening Maintenance crew to use their talents to create areas that are both functional and provide beauty to all who attend.

In the fall, while mowing and gardening continue, the duty of clearing leaves is added. These leaves fall from over 18,000 trees and must be collected and disposed of.

When winter weather arrives, daily tasks change and plows are attached to the tractors and all sidewalks, stairs and landings on campus are plowed or shoveled. Snow removal also includes areas such as housing, the temple and Missionary Training Center. Crews are often at work as early as 2:00 a.m. clearing walks and making paths safe before students and faculty begin to arrive.

Looking around BYU’s campus, it is easy to see that this talented crew of between 200 to 500+ students, staff and administrators in Gardening Maintenance believe in the Grounds’ mission statement to, “keep campus looking neat, clean and beautiful.” Knowing this is the Lord’s university makes it all worth getting up at those early morning hours. They work tirelessly to beautify the campus and protect the safety of every student, faculty member, staff and visitor.

Work at the BYU Recycling Center revolves around moving mountains of cardboard, paper and plastic with the forklift and compaction with the bailer; however, the forklift and bailer are only our second and third most important steps in the recycling process.

Several times a week one gardener on campus stops me, presses a pop can in my hand and says, “Recycle that!” I add it to our already heaping can pile and smile because his actions lift me. Staff, students, professors, and campus visitors start the process by putting their can, bottle, paper or box in a recycling bin, diverting waste from the landfill, saving BYU financial resources and reducing unnecessary waste.

How much does BYU recycle? During one week in August we collected such a mountain of cardboard that it took a day-and-a-half to bale it. That mountain of cardboard weighed an estimated 32,000 pounds. During three weeks in August, we received over a ton of paper, the equivalent of 200,000 sheets, from the library alone. When Records Management delivered a shred job, it took two to three hours to shred 3,000 pounds of confidential documents.

Recycling has now become our new “normal” all because students, faculty, staff and visitors strive to do their part to reduce waste. It improves our campus, improves our planet, and improves our lives.