



WELCOME!

Welcome to University Housing, located on the campus of The University of Texas at Dallas. For the convenience of our residents, University Housing has several offices, which are listed on the next page. We are pleased that you have chosen to make your home with us and hope your on-campus living experience will be an enriching part of your education.

Our goal is to provide a housing environment conducive to academic, social, cultural, and personal growth. We provide you with a variety of programs and activities that will supplement and/or compliment your in-class educational experience. This guide will assist you with identifying the responsibilities of living on campus in order to create a positive living environment.

Your housing environment will be enhanced by your presence and involvement. You are an integral part of this environment. We cannot create your community; only you and your neighbors can do that. An understanding of, and respect for the rights and interests of others, is the key to making the housing experience meaningful for all. This Handbook is designed to acquaint you with benefits, necessary policies, and regulations regarding housing. Let it be your guide to maintaining a positive living experience!

Everyone in a community shares the ownership of taking an active role in the safety and well-being of the community, maintaining the condition of the facilities, and being proactive in taking action if there is a violation of community standards.

Please read through this entire Handbook and bookmark it for future reference; it is part of your University Housing Terms and Conditions, and you will be responsible for understanding and adhering to its contents. While every effort has been made to be accurate and complete, all information in this Handbook is subject to reasonable changes throughout the term of your agreement.

If you have any questions that were not covered in this Handbook, please be sure to contact one of the University Housing offices – our staff will be happy to assist you.

It is our hope that the upcoming school year is a rewarding experience for you.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

University Housing Office

Residence Hall West

955 North Loop Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
Tel: (972) 883-7430
Mon – Fri: 8 am – 5 pm
www.utdallas.edu/housing

University Commons

Residence Hall South

2801 Rufford Ave
Richardson, TX 75080
(972) 883-5561

Residence Hall North

2851 Rufford Ave
Richardson, TX 75080
(972) 883-5241

Residence Hall Northwest

950 North Loop Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
(972) 883-7341

Residence Hall Southwest

931 Drive E
Richardson, TX 75080
(972) 883-7361

Residence Hall West

955 North Loop Rd
Richardson, TX 75080
(972) 883-7410

University Village

Housing Office

2800 Waterview Parkway Suite 200
Richardson, TX 75080
Tel: (972) 883-7300 • Fax: (972) 883-7310
Mon – Fri: 10 am – 7 pm
Sat: 10 am – 5 pm

Residential Life at University Village
Phase 8 Clubhouse
Mon – Fri: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm or by appointment

Canyon Creek Heights

Canyon Creek Heights North

990 Loop Road SW
Richardson, TX 75080
Tel: (972) 883-7391
Mon – Fri: 9 am – 11 pm
Sat: 10 am – 9 pm
Sun: Noon – 11 pm

Canyon Creek Heights South

989 Loop Road SW
Richardson, TX 75080
Tel: (972) 883-7381
Mon – Fri: 9 am – 11 pm
Sat: 10 am – 9 pm
Sun: Noon – 11 pm

It is our desire to provide the highest quality living environment possible for our residents. Should you have any comments or suggestions that cannot be answered by your community staff, please feel free to contact us.

University Housing is committed to compliance with all federal, state, and local fair housing laws. Your community rules are designed to provide for consistent and fair treatment of all residents in the spirit of these laws. The staff at your community has a legal obligation to treat each individual in a consistent manner.

Important phone numbers:

In the event of a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1

UT Dallas Police Department	(972) 883-2222
UTD-TALK After Hours Crisis Hotline	(972) 883-8255
UT Dallas Student Counseling Center	(972) 883-2575
UT Dallas Student Health Center	(972) 883-2747
UT Dallas Student Wellness Center	(972) 883-4275
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center	(972) 641-7273

After-Hours Maintenance Emergencies

University Village	(972) 883-7300
Canyon Creek Heights North	PA on-call
Canyon Creek Heights South	PA on-call
Residence Hall South	(972) 883-5561 (or see front desk for assistance)
Residence Hall North	(972) 883-5241 (or see front desk for assistance)
Residence Hall Northwest	(972) 883-7341 (or see front desk for assistance)
Residence Hall Southwest	(972) 883-7361 (or see front desk for assistance)
Residence Hall West	(972) 883-7410 (or see front desk for assistance)

UNIVERSITY HOUSING RESIDENT HANDBOOK

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UNIVERSITY HOUSING CODE OF CONDUCT

Pursuant to the University of Texas Board of Regents, the University of Texas at Dallas has developed the Student Code of Conduct regarding student conduct and discipline in accordance with The University of Texas System model rules. All University Housing residents are required to abide by its rules and regulations. Violation of any rule or regulation, including the failure to perform any required action, or the performance of any prohibited actions, may be cause for disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

Residents are responsible for adhering to the terms and conditions of their University Housing Terms and Conditions and rules and guidelines as outlined in this handbook.

All rules and regulations stated in this publication are subject to reasonable changes, revisions, and additions. University Housing, University officials, and/or community members may intervene if a resident's behavior is contrary to stated policies or proves to be a disruption of community standards.

In the event that a rule has been broken, the resident may be subject to penalties including disciplinary action from the University, fines, and/or termination of their University Housing Terms and Conditions.

University Housing Terms and Conditions Violation Fee Schedule

The fee schedule below pertains to violations such as, but not limited to, noise, trash, and storage/balcony issues.

1 st Violation	Written warning
2 nd Violation	\$25 per individual residing in the apartment or suite.
3 rd Violation	\$50 per individual residing in the apartment or suite and possible sanctions from the University.
4 th Violation	\$100 per individual residing in the apartment or suite and possible termination of University Housing Terms and Conditions.

Please note, some violations such as tampering with fire safety devices, pet, and illegal occupancy violations follow a different fee and disciplinary process. Under no circumstance is University Housing required to provide a written warning for any rule violations.

ABANDONED PROPERTY

Any personal property left in a resident's bedroom, suite, or apartment after they check out or it appears they have moved out will be removed and considered abandoned. Property removed after abandonment or removal from campus housing by the University may be thrown away if it is perishable (food, medicine, and/or plants) or deemed to be valueless in the judgment of a University official. A charge may be associated with the removal of personal items. If you believe you left valuable items behind, please contact the appropriate University Housing office. Items that are deemed to have value will be held for a period of no more than 14 days past your vacate date.

Personal property found to be unattended in any common area, including but not limited to the laundry rooms, study rooms, and clubhouses, will be held for a period of 14 days before disposal. Reasonable effort will be made to identify the owner. If you leave something behind, check with the office/front desk of the facility where you left the item(s).

ALCOHOL

Unless permitted by law and University rule, using or possession of alcoholic beverages on property and in buildings and facilities owned or controlled by the System or the university is prohibited. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) Apartments in which any individual residing is less than 21 years of age are considered dry apartments and alcohol is prohibited. **Alcohol is prohibited in all residence halls and in all common areas (i.e. swimming pool, clubhouse, study rooms, etc.).** Any behavior which may have been influenced by the use of drugs or alcoholic beverages shall not in any way limit the responsibility of the student for the consequences of his or her actions. ([Student Code of Conduct Subchapter C, Section 49.10](#))

AMAZON ALEXA ECHO DOT

The UTD Alexa Pilot is a project designed to bring the usability and convenience of Amazon's Alexa devices to enrich the student experience for the academic year 2019-2020. The network of 154 Echo Dots is powered by Amazon's Alexa for Business platform. The pilot program features [three skills](#) that run the applications on the Alexa platform (devices like Echo, Echo Dot, and cell phones).

The University of Texas at Dallas respects privacy. That's part of the reason why Alexa for Business is used to manage these devices in a shared model so that it's not connected to a single individual's account. The University conducted multiple open forums with students to discuss [Amazon Alexa Privacy and Data Handling](#). Additional details can be found at <https://www.utdallas.edu/oit/alexa/privacy/>.

Residents are not authorized to reconfigure or reset the Alexa Echo Dot devices to connect with personal information or home Alexa devices. For questions or assistance, please visit <https://www.utdallas.edu/oit/alexa/> or contact the [OIT Help Desk](#).

APPLIANCES

University Commons Residence Halls

Appliances allowed in the residence halls include: coffee pots, hot pots and rice cookers with auto shutoff, microwaves, and micro/mini fridges. **Please note, each suite is only capable of accommodating one micro/mini fridge and/or microwave. Micro/mini fridges must not exceed 43”H x 21”W x 23”D.** There is a dedicated circuit in the common area that will handle the load pulled from these types of appliances.

Electrical appliances not allowed in the residence hall include, but are not limited to: air conditioning units, room water coolers, camping stoves, ceiling fans, electric skillets, woks, griddles, convection ovens, halogen lamps, potpourri pots, hot oil popcorn poppers, hot plates, oven broilers, power tools, any appliance with an open coil, induction cooktops, space heaters, toasters, or toaster ovens. *University Housing staff will confiscate unauthorized or misused appliances, and the individuals responsible will be subject to disciplinary action.*

University Village & Canyon Creek Heights Apartments

Appliances included in your apartment are as follows: refrigerator, stove/range, microwave, vent-a-hood, and washer & dryer (in select University Village floor plans). *Please see the “MAINTENANCE TIPS” section of this handbook for more information on appliance use and maintenance.*

Electrical appliances not allowed in the apartments include, but are not limited to: air conditioning units, room water coolers, camping stoves, halogen lamps, potpourri pots, hot oil popcorn poppers, any appliance with an open coil, and space heaters. *The apartment staff will confiscate unauthorized or misused appliances, and the individuals responsible will be subject to disciplinary action.*

ASSIGNMENT OR RELETTING

Residents shall not assign their University Housing Terms and Agreement or sublet any or all part of their housing, or otherwise allow any person to share or otherwise occupy the unit. Failure to abide by this rule may result in disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Accommodation of assistance animals is handled through the Office of Student AccessAbility (OSA) and the University Housing Office. Requests must be made in writing through the [Office of Student AccessAbility website](#).

Assistance Animal Accommodations

UT Dallas provides reasonable housing accommodations to students requesting Assistance Animals. If you want to request an Assistance Animal you must:

- Submit an online housing application.
- Submit an online [Assistance Animal Acknowledgement and Information](#) e-form.
- Submit your Assistance Animal Verification form, provided to you upon submitting your Assistance Animal Acknowledgement and Information form to studentaccess@utdallas.edu.

Your Assistance Animal Acknowledgement and Information e-form, along with your Assistance Animal Verification form, will be reviewed by OSA. If your paperwork is approved, OSA will recommend the appropriate housing accommodation(s) to University Housing. Approval by OSA does not guarantee housing. **Your Assistance Animal may not be in your unit until it has been approved by OSA.**

BED BUGS

Bed bugs have become a severe problem on many college campuses. The major issues are that students do not know what to look for or how to make a bed bug report. If you see signs of bed bugs, contact the appropriate University Housing office immediately.

Bed bug bites may be identified by small welts similar to mosquito bites. Often these welts occur in rows of three or more and cause itching and discomfort. These bites may show up in the morning, but they typically take a few days to appear. If bed bugs are present, tiny dark excrement stains will be on sheets, pillowcases, and mattresses. Molted skins and egg shells may also be present, but look for the crawling or dead adults as well.

If an active infestation is found, we will treat the unit at no cost to you. However, preparation of your unit will be your responsibility. Non-compliance with a bed bug treatment (i.e. preparation for treatment), or more than one case of bed bugs, may result in you being held liable for payment of treatment and potential disciplinary action, pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

BICYCLES

Bicycles are required to be registered with University Housing at the beginning of each academic year. You will have the opportunity to register your bicycle at move-in, or anytime thereafter at your building's front desk.

Please use designated bike racks, or carefully store your bike in your apartment's storage closet or on a balcony (bike hooks are not allowed). Storing bikes is prohibited in Canyon Creek Heights, all residence halls, and all common areas. The using of bicycles inside University facilities or in unauthorized outdoor areas is prohibited. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) You must ride responsibly through the community and obey all posted traffic signs. The operator of a bicycle must not interfere with the right-of-way of pedestrians.

Due to safety concerns, bikes found in hallways, breezeways, stairways, or blocking public access or exits will be impounded and then removed. Additionally, bicycles that are not registered or that are inoperable will be removed and impounded. Neither University Housing nor UT Dallas will be held liable for removal of bicycle locks if you are not in compliance with registration and/or parking policies.

To protect your bike from theft, get a good lock with a cable and properly secure it to the bike rack. Bicycles may not be secured to any tree, shrub/plant, stairway or walkway handrail, fence, light or sign post, etc. **Bicycles must be removed on your scheduled move-out day and cannot be stored during the summer if you are not living in University Housing at the time.**

BULLETIN BOARDS

Only student campus organizations or University departments may post information on bulletin boards in University Housing areas. All items to be posted must be approved by the Office of Residential Life, located in the University Housing Office inside Residence Hall West.

BUSINESSES / PRIVATE ENTERPRISES

Conducting any kind of business in your apartment or residence hall space, or anywhere in the University Housing community, is strictly prohibited.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION / COMET VOICE

All members of our University community share in a collective responsibility to make our campus peers feel welcome, safe, and comfortable. The goal of [Comet Voice](#), the bystander intervention initiative of UT Dallas, is to empower students with the confidence and skills to stand up and step in when needed.

Bystander intervention means recognizing a potentially harmful situation and choosing to respond in a way that could positively influence the outcome. A harmful situation is anything that constitutes a negative physical, mental, social or emotional response affecting a community, a group of individuals or a single person. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

Please visit www.utdallas.edu/cometvoice for more details and information about bystander intervention and the Comet Voice program.

CANCELLATION OF UNIVERSITY HOUSING-TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Should you need to cancel your University Housing Terms and Conditions, you will be held to the cancellation rule as outlined in your University Housing Terms and Conditions, also detailed here:

Cancellation Provisions. You are responsible for the full amount of the University Housing Terms and Conditions agreement period, unless you formally cancel in writing within the following timelines. You must cancel your agreement by notifying University Housing in writing via your official UT Dallas email address. Note: In all cases, the \$100 administrative fee is non-refundable.

CHARGES FOR THE ACADEMIC-YEAR AGREEMENT PERIOD

- 0% of fall housing charges for termination prior to June 1.
- 10% of fall housing charges for termination between June 1 and July 15.
- 25% of fall housing charges for termination between July 15 and the 10th class day of the fall term.
- 50% of fall housing charges for termination between 11th class day and the 20th class day of the fall term.
- 75% of fall housing charges for termination between the 21st class day and 25th class day of the fall term.
- 100% of fall housing charges for termination after the 25th class day of the fall term.

If an enrolled student terminates the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement after July 15, but before classes start for the fall academic term, the student will be billed for 25% of their semester housing charges.

CHARGES FOR THE ACADEMIC-YEAR SPRING TERM

- 0% of spring housing charges for termination prior to November 1.
- 10% of spring housing charges for termination between November 1 and November 15.
- 25% of spring housing charges for termination between November 15 and the 10th class day of the spring term.
- 50% of spring housing charges for termination between 11th class day and the 20th class day of the spring term.
- 75% of spring housing charges for termination between the 21st class day and 25th class day of the spring term.
- 100% of spring housing charges for termination after the 25th class day of the spring term.

CHARGES FOR THE SUMMER TERMS

(This only pertains to students who have applied for summer housing.)

- 10% of summer housing charges for termination prior to April 15.
- 25% of summer housing charges for termination between April 15 and the 5th class day of the summer term.
- 50% of summer housing charges for termination between 6th class day and the 10th class day.
- 75% of summer housing charges for termination between the 11th class day and 15th class day.
- 100% of summer housing charges for termination after the 15th class day.

Students who cancel in writing (email is acceptable) prior to the term that they participate in an approved study abroad program, a special campus-sponsored study program or an approved internship, will not be required to pay for the housing charges for the semester they are cancelling. Graduating students must provide a 60-day notice of cancellation to avoid being charged for the remainder of the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement.

Students who cancel due to a medical hardship must provide appropriate documentation to support their need to cancel. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Students who are not enrolled, are removed for disciplinary reasons or are academically suspended will be responsible for the full amount of the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement.

Prior to or During Occupancy (Military Personnel Only):

You may terminate the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement if you enlist or are drafted or commissioned in the U.S. Armed Forces.

You may also terminate the University Housing Terms and Conditions Agreement if:

- You are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or reserves on active duty or a member of the National Guard called to active duty for more than 30 days in response to a national emergency declared by the President; *and*
- You receive orders for permanent change-of-station, receive orders to deploy with a military unit or as an individual in support of a military operation for 90 days or more, *or* are relieved or released from active duty.

ESCORT – Safe-Walk Campus Escort

UTD provides a free campus police escort program called Safe-Walk Campus Escort, which is managed by the UTD Police Department. The walking escort program is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To request an escort, **call extension 2222** from a campus phone, or dial **(972) 883-2222**. Be prepared to give your name and the nearest exit door to your location. A police officer, police guard, Student Patrol, or an Explorer will meet you at that door and walk with you to any area on campus.

CHALKING

The use of chalk on any buildings is prohibited. Groups may be approved by the Office of Residential Life to chalk in specific sidewalk locations around the residence halls and/or apartments. Residents may be referred for discipline pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) if the chalk is not properly removed by the group.

CLEANLINESS, HEALTH & HYGIENE

Residents need to make reasonable efforts to maintain proper personal cleanliness and hygiene. Suites and apartments must be kept clean and sanitary at all times, including proper disposal of empty food and beverage containers. Residents may not violate these regulations or interfere with the safe and clean environment of others. Violations of this rule may result in fines, referral to the Office of Community Standards and Conduct, and/or termination of your University Housing Terms and Conditions. For referrals to apartment cleaning companies, please contact the appropriate University Housing office.

COMMON AREAS

Apartment and residence hall outdoor recreation areas, swimming pools, laundry facilities, lobbies, clubhouses, study rooms, parking lots, and grass areas are intended for the individual and group use of University Housing residents. The Residence Hall South Classroom and Multipurpose Room may be reserved for personal or group use. The classroom and Multipurpose Rooms in the other residence halls may only be reserved for personal use. More information on room reservations can be found at utdallas.edu/housing/faq/.

See also the "ROOM RESERVATION POLICIES" section.

Residents may bring video gaming equipment to the common area televisions. University Commons and Canyon Creek Heights residents may check out gaming equipment, including video game systems, video games, pool/ping-pong/foosball equipment, board games, and sports equipment, from their hall's front desk with proper identification. Inappropriate use or abuse of gaming equipment, such as breaking pool cues or paddles, throwing balls, etc. may result in the loss of privileges and/or the cost of repairs/replacements.

Study lounges are located in several areas for private academic use during the day or night. Some lounges are available for entertaining guests, studying, playing cards, playing board games, or just visiting. Lounges are open to visitors of hall residents 24 hours a day. Visitors must be escorted by a resident.

Sleeping is not allowed in any common area of housing. Residential Life sponsored activities have priority in use of all common areas.

The use of tobacco products (*cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes, hookahs, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic nicotine delivery systems, etc.*) is prohibited everywhere on University property, including University Housing. For more information on the University's tobacco-free initiative, please visit <http://www.utdallas.edu/tobaccofree/>.

See also the "SMOKING & TOBACCO" section.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any common area within University Housing.

It is expected that you and your visitors will respectfully comply with the directions of Housing and University officials who are acting in the official capacity of their duties and responsibilities. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying yourself and/or producing a valid identification, changing your behavior when asked, or attending mediation when requested. Failure to comply with a University or System official is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) and may result in disciplinary action.

COOKING (University Commons Only)

Cooking in the residence hall public kitchen is allowed with approval from the front desk. The public kitchen includes a microwave, stove, and oven. Residents are required to sign in at the front desk prior to using the kitchen, and they must sign-out once they are finished and have cleaned the kitchen. Residents are responsible for ensuring that proper sanitation, ventilation, and fire safety precautions are taken. Any damage resulting from improper food disposal will be billed to the individuals responsible. No food or waste should be disposed of in sinks.

Use of unapproved cooking appliances in a residential suite may result in disciplinary action.

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Our housekeepers, porters, and landscapers work diligently and with pride to maintain your housing community. Their efforts alone are not enough to guarantee a clean, safe, and comfortable environment. Your efforts as a community member are critical to this effort. Please submit maintenance/housekeeping requests through the [MyHousing portal](#). We would also like to hear about any concerns you may have regarding the quality of service. University Housing Housekeeping services only cleans community spaces within housing areas. You are required to keep your personal living space clean.

DAMAGE, CONDEMNATION OR DESTRUCTION OF PREMISES

If University Housing determines that your housing assignment is not be livable due to damage, condemnation, or destruction by fire or other casualty, University Housing may terminate the resident's University Housing Terms and Conditions or move the resident to similar accommodations within University Housing while repairs are made.

DARTS/DART BOARDS

Because of the potential danger to both persons and property, most darts and dartboards are prohibited in University Housing. Magnetic dartboards are the only type permitted. Any damage to walls or other features of a unit caused by darts will be charged to the resident(s).

DECORATING / PAINTING / WALL HANGINGS

Pictures, posters, and other items used to decorate a student's bedroom are encouraged as long as they do not create a health or fire hazard or damage the bedroom. Door decorations must be limited and appropriate for an academic institution. All decorations are subject to the approval of roommates. Decorations may not be visible through the window. **Holiday lights may not be utilized.**

Additionally, you may not hang items such as flags or netting from the ceiling or balconies. Items that "drape" inhibit smoke flow and may dangerously delay activation of the smoke alarm in the event of a fire. Window coverings are provided in all areas for privacy and protection from the heat of the sun. Do not hang or display items in your windows that are visible from the outside. Holiday decorations are welcome and must be removed within five days of the occasion.

For fire safety reasons, no items may be hung or placed within 18 inches of a fire sprinkler head.

All University Housing Areas

Students may not adhere tape to the walls, doors, or floors in their housing unit. You have the freedom to decorate the interior of your apartment by hanging pictures or other decorative objects. Stickers, including glow-in-the-dark stars and double-sided adhesive foam/tape, are not allowed on walls, ceilings, windows, cabinets, or exterior and interior doors. You must obtain written permission from the manager to perform any repairs, painting, wallpapering, carpeting, or electrical changes, or to make any other changes to the interior or exterior. Affixing any items to the ceiling is prohibited. Placing contact paper or any adhesives on the walls, woodwork or desktops may result in damage charges. The use of thumbtacks, small tack nails, or small screws is permissible for hanging items on walls. (i.e. posters or pictures). Please do NOT nail or screw anything into doors or furniture. Affixing any items to the ceiling is prohibited. It will be your responsibility to return the apartment back to its original move-in condition. Any act of vandalism, damage, destruction, or misuse of University property is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) and will result in charges and/or disciplinary action.

Carpet tape **may not** be used to secure items to the floor. Please DO NOT use duct tape or other adhesive tapes.

Residents are not permitted to paint their individual bedrooms. Students may be assessed a fine for painting any portion of their room and/or charged the cost of the repainting. Any act of vandalism, damage, destruction, or misuse of University property is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) and will result in charges and/or disciplinary action.

University Village Apartments

No structural changes or additions may be made to the exterior of the building, including the front entrance or patios and balconies. No alterations may be made to the front door or entrance to your apartment. Front door mats are encouraged, but we reserve the right to remove mats that are not designed for outdoor use, such as carpet remnants. Colored light bulbs are prohibited in all exterior fixtures. Extra exterior lighting (such as garden lights, patio lights, etc.) is not permitted if it is not related to a seasonal holiday.

DOORS & HALLWAYS

Residents are required to use their Comet Card to enter doors with card access systems. Non-residents will not be given card access to a hall or space. Residents are expected to carry their Comet Card with them at all times to gain access to their building and unit.

Ring™ doorbell systems and other similar external camera and monitoring systems will not be allowed to be installed anywhere in University Housing. This is due to the significant wiring and intrusive methods required to install a system like this and also because of privacy concerns for other residents with this external facing technology.

It is against housing rule to prop or hold open any door within the community for any reason. It is also a violation to tamper with any electronic or key-operable mechanism that operates the doors in each facility. Individuals found tampering or propping doors open will be referred to Residential Life and subject to disciplinary action by the University. Individuals may not loan or give their Comet Card or room key to any individual in order to give them access to the residence hall suites or hallways, or the dining hall. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

Residents who lose their Comet Card during non-business hours may check out a loaner access card for a period not to exceed 48 hours. Contact the front desk for assistance. Students who lose the loaner card or fail to return the loaner card within a 48 hour period will be charged a minimum fee of \$50. Students may check out this loaner access card from their residence hall front desk or by calling the Canyon Creek Heights on-call number posted.

DRUGS & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Drugs: Unless authorized by state and federal law, the use, possession or manufacture of any drug or controlled substance or sale or distribution of any such drug or controlled substance is illegal. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Section 49.10](#))

- **Drug Paraphernalia:** The use or possession of equipment, products, or material which is used or intended for use in manufacturing, growing, using or distributing any drug or controlled substance. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Section 49.10](#))

Any behavior which may have been influenced by the use of drugs or alcoholic beverages shall not in any way limit the responsibility of the student for the consequences of his or her actions. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Section 49.10](#)) Violation of the above shall be a material violation of the University Housing Terms and Conditions and may be cause for disciplinary action and termination of tenancy. A termination does not release you from your financial obligations under the University Housing Terms and Conditions.

ELEVATORS

In order to keep the elevators in safe working condition, the following actions are prohibited and could result in disciplinary action according to the Student Code of Conduct:

- Intentional damage and/or vandalism to the elevators, such as prying elevator doors open, jumping, etc.
- Overloading the elevator.
- Use of emergency alarms and emergency stops in non-emergency situations.

If you are trapped in an elevator, sound the alarm and wait for help to arrive before attempting evacuation.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to live in University Housing, students must maintain student status each semester they wish to reside in University Housing and enroll in and complete the following:

Graduate students: 6 class hours of The University of Texas at Dallas coursework each fall and spring semester.

Undergraduate students: 9 class hours of The University of Texas at Dallas course work each fall and spring semester.

University Approved Internships: 1 class hour of The University of Texas at Dallas course work each fall and spring semester.

All students: enrollment in summer classes is not required, but registration for fall coursework is required.

Residence in University Housing is restricted to University of Texas at Dallas students, their spouses and children. There are limited facilities within University Housing that are available for UT Dallas students with spouses and children. These spaces are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. We cannot guarantee family housing options will be available. All persons residing in a family housing unit are required to sign a full apartment University Housing Terms and Conditions. Canyon Creek Heights and University Commons are single bedroom housing options for UT Dallas students and are not available as family housing.

All residents must be signatories on University Housing Terms and Conditions. The parent or legal guardian of a resident who is under 18 years of age must also be a signatory. A person who is on a non-immigrant visa and who is on practical training is no longer a student and is not eligible to live in University Housing.

A resident suspended or expelled by the University must complete a University Housing Cancellation form no later than 24 hours following the exhaustion of the appeal process. Eligibility to live in University Housing may be revoked if a student is found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

The University of Texas at Dallas has the right to reserve units in University Housing. The University of Texas at Dallas reserves the right to make appropriate changes in housing priorities

and procedures as required. Changes will become effective whenever the appropriate authorities so determine and may apply to both prospective student residents and those already residing in University Housing.

Eligibility may be renewed if student continues to meet requirements. Eligibility automatically expires, however, when student no longer meets requirements or graduates from the university, unless continuing enrollment is demonstrated and documented.

Eligibility for residence does not guarantee students a right to renew a University Housing Terms and Conditions and that the right to reside in University Housing will be based on the University's housing priorities and availability. Any exceptions to housing assignments will be dependent on availability and determined on a case-by-case basis.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURE

Actions you should take in emergency situations:

EVACUATE – When building alarms sound

LEAVE THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY

- **DO NOT** use elevators
- **ASSIST** the disabled
- **TAKE** valuables and cell phone with you

SEEK SHELTER – When outdoor warning sounds

FIND A SAFE PLACE IN A BUILDING

- **USE** interior rooms away from doors/windows
- **LISTEN** for instructions from the indoor warning system and **KEEP TUNED** to media, if possible
- **WAIT** for “all clear” from campus officials

LOCKDOWN – When given the order to lockdown

STAY IN YOUR ROOM OR BUILDING

- **LOCK** or barricade doors, close blinds, turn out lights, seek secure location
- **STAY AWAY** from windows
- **LISTEN** for instructions from the indoor warning system and **KEEP TUNED** to media, if possible
- **WARN** others. To provide critical or emergency information call (972) 883-2222 or 9-1-1, if possible.

If you require special assistance in the event of an evacuation, please contact the University Housing Office during move-in or at any time.

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIPS

Electricity

- Replace your incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFL's). They use 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Unplug or turn off appliances when you are not using them to save a significant amount of energy.
- Save energy by unplugging all computers, chargers, and electronics during vacation.

Water

- Turn off the water when you are not using it (when lathering your hands with soap, brushing your teeth, scrubbing dishes, etc.)
- Decrease your showering time to about five minutes.

Refrigerators

- Open the refrigerator door only long enough to get the food items you need.
- Organize your food on the shelves for easy access.
- Allow leftovers to cool before placing them in the refrigerator or freezer. Your refrigerator or freezer will not have to work as hard to cool them off.
- Refrigerators and freezers operate more efficiently when they are full, but overloading will prevent cold air from circulating properly.

Dishwasher

- Only wash full loads.
- Allow dishes to air dry.
- When handwashing dishes, fill the sink with water instead of letting the water run.
- Rinse with cold water.

Stove

- Defrost food first in the microwave.
- Cover pots to shorten the cooking time.
- Keep your oven and stove free of grease and baked-on residue.
- Using an oven can significantly increase the temperature in your apartment, causing your air conditioning to work overtime. Use a microwave or toaster oven, instead, when you can.

Laundry

- Wash full loads
- Use cold water instead of hot water. Today's detergents are made to get clothes clean in cold water, saving the energy needed to heat the water.
- Dry full loads and clean the lint filter after each use.
- Most materials only need a 10-15 minute wash cycle to get them clean. Excessive washing and drying will wear out your clothes faster.
- Air dry items which do not need to be machine dried.

Heating & Air Conditioning

- Do not turn the thermostat too high or too low to adjust the temperature in a hurry. It will not heat or cool your home any faster.
- Do not let heat or cold air escape – keep windows and doors closed while A/C or heating is on.
- Use fans and open windows to create a cross-draft instead of using your central air conditioning.
- Keep your vents free from obstructions.

ENTRY

University Housing respects your right of privacy. Without prior written consent, University Housing will not give any person access into a resident's apartment, suite, or bedroom. However, authorized University personnel may enter apartments/suite as follows:

- In case of an emergency
- When a safety concern is present
- When a resident has abandoned or surrendered the premises
- To make necessary or agreed repairs, alterations, or improvements
- To clean and make ready a vacant space or bedroom
- To supply necessary or agreed services

- To test smoke detectors, complete health & safety inspections, and to perform regular preventative maintenance
- To show the premises to prospective or actual purchasers, mortgagees, tenants, workers, or contractors
- With your prior permission, or
- As otherwise allowed by law

Except in cases of emergency, University Housing will provide residents with reasonable written notice of intent to enter. Entry will be during normal business hours. All attempts will be made to give 48 hours advance written notice of entry. Residents may be present when staff enters the unit; however, entry is not conditioned upon the Resident's presence. In an emergency, University Housing or its representatives may enter the unit at any time without prior notice.

When any University personnel are acting within the scope of their assigned duties and obligations (such as in emergency or disciplinary situations), residents must comply with requests to enter apartments, suites, and bedrooms. Refusal to allow access to such personnel acting in accordance with his/her job will be referred to the Dean of Students for possible disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Section 49.10](#))

EXTERIOR BUILDING AREAS

For health and safety reasons, hallways, stairways, breezeways, landings, and walkways are to be kept clear of furniture, equipment, trash, bicycles, and any other obstacles that might obstruct safe passage. Hallways, breezeways, walkways, and lounges are not to be used as grounds for 'hall sports', sporting events, wrestling, horseplay, riding bikes, and skateboards due to property damage or the possibility of personal injury. This includes bouncing or throwing balls, Frisbees, etc. Water fights of any kind (squirt guns, water balloons, etc.) in the buildings are prohibited. Climbing on ledges, roofs, overhangs, balconies, the outside of stairwells, and exterior walls is prohibited.

Students are not allowed to paint or spray-paint signs, boards, or any other items on sidewalks, grass, bushes, trees, parking lots, or concrete areas around the buildings. Doing so could lead to damage charges being assessed to clean up any overspray that takes place.

FAILURE TO REPORT/COMPLY, PASSIVE INVOLVEMENT & CONCEALMENT OF INFORMATION

Everyone in the University Housing community has the responsibility of maintaining the safety and wellbeing of the community, maintaining the condition of the facility, and taking initiative and action if there is a violation of community standards. A resident's presence during any violation of University Housing community standards or policies ultimately condones, supports, and/or encourages violation(s). Residents are responsible for choices they make. In the presence of a rule violation, you may attempt to stop the violation, contact management staff, and/or immediately remove yourself from the situation and the vicinity of the violation. If you choose to remain at the scene of a rule violation, you will be included in the documentation and may also be held accountable for applicable rule violation(s). Concealment of information is also considered a rule violation. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

Our vision is that residents accept ownership of, and take responsibility for, resolving conflicts and problems in their community. In the event that a conflict arises that you cannot resolve, please do not hesitate to contact University Housing.

FALSE REPORTS

Texas law states that making a false threat at any Texas higher education institution is considered a state jail felony.

This law was enacted in response to threats at several universities across the United States that disrupted classes and prompted evacuation of campus property, even though the reports turned out to be a hoax.

This law relates to the offense of making, causing, or reporting a false alarm involving a public or private institution of higher education. A person commits an offense under Section 42.06 if he or she knowingly initiates, communicates, or circulates a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that he or she knows is false or baseless and that would ordinarily:

- Cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies; or
- Place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or
- Prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, place of assembly, place to which the public has access, aircraft, automobile, or other mode of conveyance.

An individual adjudged guilty of a state jail felony shall be punished by confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than two years or less than 180 days and, in addition to confinement, may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

UT Dallas students should be aware that the State of Texas takes these threats seriously, and the legal consequences, which are severe, go beyond anything that the University's disciplinary committee can address. Refer to the [Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#) for more information.

FAMILY HOUSING

Please inquire with University Housing for available family housing options. There are limited facilities within University Housing that are available for UT Dallas students with spouses and children. These spaces are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. We cannot guarantee family housing options will be available. All persons residing in a family housing unit are required to sign a full apartment University Housing Terms and Conditions. Canyon Creek Heights and University Commons are single bedroom housing options for UT Dallas students and are not available as family housing.

FIRE PREVENTION – HAZARDS / FLAMMABLES

In the event that you witness smoke or fire, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Fire can cause significant damage and threaten human life. The role you play in campus safety is extremely vital. Listed below are suggestions to help prevent fires:

- Turn off and unplug all non-essential appliances immediately after use, including such items as curling irons, hot pots, and irons.
- Remain in your room when any electrical appliance is in use.

- The use of combustible decorations, chemicals, and objects with open flames (including but not limited to: candles, potpourri, sternos, coal burning devices, and incense), is prohibited in University Housing at all times.
- Open element appliances (hot plates, indoor grills, induction cooktops, immersion heating coils, and heaters) are also prohibited.
- Multiple-outlet connections are prohibited unless they contain a circuit breaker and carry an Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approval.
- Do not use frayed cords, and do not put electrical cords under rugs or other items that cause heat to build up in the cord.
- Do not use multiple cords or power strips interconnected ("daisy chained") together. This may cause circuit overload, tripped fuses, or fire.
- Do not block any exits.
- The use of halogen lamps is prohibited.
- When using microwave ovens, be sure to follow the cooking instructions for microwave cooking, not conventional cooking.
- Do not store gasoline in your apartment or on the patio or balcony.
- Report any fire safety hazards immediately to the appropriate University Housing office.
- Use of any holiday lights is prohibited.

It is recommended that all power strips used for protection of computers and other electrical equipment have a 1449 UL listed surge suppression rating with sufficient joule capacity. Power strips and/or extension cords should never be interconnected or "daisy chained". Doing so can cause an electrical overload, tripped fuses, or fire.

FIRE / SECURITY EQUIPMENT / EVACUATIONS

University Housing and UTD are committed to maintaining high standards for health, safety, and security in the housing areas. Individuals who jeopardize the health, safety, and security of others by not following health and safety procedures will be subject to fines and possible disciplinary proceedings, leading up to termination of housing privileges. All residents and their guests must recognize the importance of the following health and safety regulations.

If you discover a fire, make sure that all other persons are out of the suite/apartment. Leave the area and close the door behind you. Pull the nearest fire alarm station and then call 9-1-1 as soon as you are safely clear of the immediate threat.

All residential buildings in the housing community are provided with a fire alarm system designed to alert occupants of emergency conditions. Manual fire alarm pull stations are located at all major exits. Selected buildings have automatic detection systems (i.e. smoke detectors) which are intended to protect special hazards or equipment. Upon sensing smoke, heat conditions, or the activation of a manual pull station by building occupants, the alarm systems will sound bells, horns, or horn/strobe devices. Upon hearing or seeing any of these devices, all building occupants should evacuate the building from the nearest exit and report to their designated assembly area. Details of the incident and the "all-clear" notice will be provided to evacuees by the housing personnel or emergency responders at the assembly area. In many buildings the alarm may only sound for 5-10 minutes and then stop. This does not mean you should remain in the building, nor does it mean the problem is resolved.

University Village buildings 43-67, Canyon Creek Heights, and all residence halls are equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems in addition to fire alarms. A fire sprinkler system is designed to automatically apply water to a fire within an apartment or building. The sprinkler heads respond

to heat in immediate proximity of the ceiling above a fire. Only the sprinkler heads over the fire will open and spray water to extinguish or reduce the spread of the fire. **Do not hang anything on or near a sprinkler head. Avoid behavior which may cause an accidental trigger of the sprinkler head (i.e. horseplay, throwing a football indoors, etc.). You may be held responsible for any and all damages to the premises should you accidentally cause a sprinkler to open.**

University Housing personnel will regularly conduct inspections of all fire and safety equipment as part of the preventative maintenance routine.

Tampering with smoke detectors, fire sprinklers, fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguishers, fire hoses, door alarms, door/hardware/closing mechanisms, and “EXIT” signs and lights is prohibited. Such action is a misdemeanor offense and violators are not only subject to fines and disciplinary procedures ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) but also legal prosecution and eviction. It is important to note that although escalated fines are in place, any and all violations may lead to any of the abovementioned actions.

When exiting a building during a life-threatening emergency, proceed as quickly as possible to your dedicated assembly area. Please become familiar with the dedicated evacuation area for your building:

Buildings 2 – 12

Campus parking lot on north side of Franklyn Jenifer Dr., across from Phase 3

Buildings 14 – 23

Phase 1 parking lot near the southeast corner of building 10

Buildings 24 – 31

Campus parking lot on north side of Franklyn Jenifer Dr., across from Phase 3

Buildings 33 – 36

Central parking area between the phases (congregate closest to the dividing channel (creek) to allow access to emergency vehicles)

Buildings 38-41

Central parking area between the phases (congregate closest to the dividing channel (creek) to allow access to emergency vehicles)

Buildings 43-51

Campus parking lot on east side of Drive H, across from Phase 6

Buildings 61-63

Central parking area, closest to University Village Housing Office

Buildings 53-59 & 65-67

Sand volleyball court area if situation permits. Alternative location: western parking area, between Phases 8 & 8A

Residence Halls

Proceed to the nearest parking lot near the building, remaining 75 feet away from the building. Stay out of the way of fire lanes and first responders.

Canyon Creek Heights North & South

Leave out of the nearest exit and remain 75 feet away from the building. Stay out of the way of fire lanes and first responders.

Evacuations

- Evacuate the building immediately when you hear the fire alarm or are instructed by a first responder
- After everyone has exited the area, close the door behind you and leave the door unlocked
- Take personal belongings, such as keys and purses if safe to do so
- Use stairways, not the elevator
- Remain calm and help others if necessary
- Evacuate at least 75 feet away from the building and stay out of fire lanes
- Notify emergency personnel or **911** if there is anyone trapped or injured in the building. Provide their location in the building and any additional information that the responders need to know.

FIRE PIT RULES

There is a small fire pit for residents' use at University Village near apartment buildings 38-41. Fire can be a very serious hazard, and you should use caution if you choose to utilize the fire pit. Below are the rules that must be followed at all times. These are also posted at the fire pit location.

1. Fires are not to be left unattended at any time.
2. Before lighting a fire, clear the area of all dead leaves, grass, and other flammable items. It is important to inspect the fire pit for flammables before you start your fire.
3. Only natural firewood or commercial logs may be burned. Burning of lumber, tree trimmings, leaves, cardboard, garbage, and similar items is not permitted.
4. Fire accelerants (i.e. lighter fluid, gasoline, etc.) are not permitted to assist in starting or maintaining a fire.
5. During high wind conditions, fires are not to be started, and all existing fires must be extinguished.
6. All fires must be contained inside the fire pit. No fires are permitted outside the pit.
7. Fires must be managed to a three foot diameter and may not exceed two feet in height.
8. All fires should be put out completely by using the water hose near the fire pit. Once everything is cool to the touch, clean up the area before leaving the pit. Burned remnants of the fire should be placed in the appropriate trashcan near the fire pit. Leave the fire pit empty and clean.
9. Fires must be extinguished and cleaned up by 10 pm.
10. If your fire gets out of control, there is a water hose located next to the fire pit. **In the event of an emergency, back away from the fire and call 9-1-1 immediately.**

FIREARMS, WEAPONS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Unless permitted by law or institutional rule, possession or use of any type of explosive, firearm, imitation weapon, ammunition, hazardous chemical or weapon while on campus or on any property or in any building owned or controlled by the System or the university is prohibited.

Violators may be referred to the UTD Police and Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

The following are listed requirements for storage of a firearm in university-owned apartments (university-owned residence halls are excluded), in alignment with our current university rule addressing Senate Bill 11 (SB 11) also known as “campus carry”.

- The location of the safe must be inside an apartment and under the control of the license holder, not in any public space.
- The safe must be physically secured to a stationary object inside the apartment with a cable lock provided by license holder.
- The safe must be large enough to fully contain all firearms placed in it and provide for secure storage.
- The safe must have exterior walls constructed of a minimum 16-gauge steel.
- The safe must have a High-Strength locking system consisting of a mechanical or electronic combination or biometric lock. Key locks are not allowed.

More information on Senate Bill 11 and the University of Texas at Dallas rule can be found at www.utdallas.edu/campuscarry

Commonly acceptable knives are folding blade with a cutting edge no longer than 5 ½ inches. Swiss Army knives are acceptable. Police/fire rescue knives are acceptable as long as the blade length is acceptable. No throwing knives, double edge knives, daggers, switchblade, Bowie knives or butterfly knives are allowed.

FLAGS, SIGNS & BANNERS

Flags, signs, and banners may not be hung from patios, balconies, windows, hallways/breezeways, or from any other area visible from the exterior or interior of the residence. Holiday decorations are welcome and must be removed within five days of the holiday. University Housing reserves the right to monitor content, placement, and will require removal if violation of this rule takes place.

FREEZE WARNINGS & PREPARATIONS

If freezing weather is expected, open the cabinet doors under the kitchen and bathroom sinks so that the exposed plumbing does not freeze. If you are going to be away from your apartment/suite for an extended period of time during the winter months, leave the thermostat on “auto” and set it at a minimum of 55 degrees. Turning the thermostat off may cause pipes to freeze and burst. These precautions are essential in order to avoid substantial damage to your apartment and personal belongings. If you fail to take these precautions, you may be liable for damages to your apartment and any other affected areas.

FRONT DESK

The front desk is the central operating point for each University Commons residence hall and Canyon Creek Heights building. Full-time staff, peer advisors, and desk assistants are employed to provide you with information and other services. Visit the front desk when you need information, have a question about the hall or the campus, want to checkout available games or recreation equipment, or if you need to meet with any of the staff. The staff has offices located at or near the front desk and keeps regular office hours should you need to see them. Residents may check out a wide variety of equipment from the front desk. If you have an idea for something we could offer for check out, please let us know!

Equipment may be checked out:

Residence Halls:

Sun – Thurs: 9 am – 11:59 pm

Fri – Sat: 9 am – 1 am

Canyon Creek Heights:

Mon – Fri: 9 am – 11 pm

Sat: 10 am – 9 pm

Sun: Noon – 11 pm

University Commons residents must return the gaming equipment by 11:59 P.M. on the same day it was checked out. Canyon Creek Heights residents must return the gaming equipment by the time the front desk closes on the same day the equipment was checked out. If a resident fails to return the equipment on time, they will be charged a \$10 late fee each day it is late.

FURNITURE

University Commons & Canyon Creek Heights

Canyon Creek Heights and University Commons residence hall suites are completely furnished. All furniture must remain in its designated space. Common area furniture that is removed by a student for their private use will be considered stolen and disciplinary action may be taken. Room furnishings are to remain in the rooms at all times. Students may not leave any type of furnishings or property outside of their bedroom or in the hallway. No University furniture should be moved to an outside location.

Some or all of the furniture in your room may be rearranged. When moving furniture to create a new look, be careful not to damage the walls, scratch the floors, or damage the furniture. Please do not dismantle any of the furniture in your room. The furniture in the room must stay in the room. You may add your own additional pieces as space allows, but you may not remove any pieces. We also ask that you do not swap furniture between rooms. If there is a problem with any of your room furnishings, please report it to the University Commons staff or front desk immediately.

To ensure compliance with fire and safety codes, unobstructed access into and out of your room must be maintained. (Unobstructed access means that the door to your room must swing open fully). When arranging your room, please do not block doorways or inhibit the traffic pattern.

University Village Apartments

University Village apartments are completely unfurnished except for kitchens. You will need to bring bedroom and common area furniture with you. *Some four-bedroom apartments do have a built-in desk in each bedroom.* We recommend you contact your roommates once you receive your housing assignment to confirm what common area furniture will be needed.

GAMBLING

Engaging in illegal gambling is prohibited by the University. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Section 49.10](#))

GENDER INCLUSIVE HOUSING

The Department of Housing and Residential Life at the University of Texas at Dallas welcomes students of all gender identities and expressions and is committed to providing an equitable and inclusive community for all residents. Please contact Residential Life to learn about all available housing options. It is our goal to provide an affirming and non-discriminatory housing educational experience.

GRILLS & OUTDOOR COOKING APPLIANCES

There are charcoal grills located throughout the University Housing community for your use. Personal grills and other outdoor cooking devices are not allowed anywhere in University Housing, including balconies and/or patios.

Please use caution when you use the charcoal grills. Fire should not be left unattended at any time. All fires should be extinguished completely before leaving the area. Once everything is cool to the touch, please be sure to clean up the area before leaving.

GROUNDS

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the lawn areas free of litter, pet waste, bicycles, and other equipment.

GROUP BILLING

Financial charges relating to the cleaning of, damage to, or theft of University property are billed to the specific individual(s) responsible whenever such individuals can be identified. However, when damage or theft cannot be assigned to a specific individual(s), the charges may be divided equally among the residents of an area, building, floor, or unit.

Residents will be given every opportunity to identify individual(s) responsible for the damage before a group billing is finalized.

Your active involvement in reducing damages within your community is encouraged. You can assist by following these guidelines:

- Report any damages to your PA immediately.
- Treat University property with as much respect as you would your personal property.
- Discourage others from behaving irresponsibly in your area.

GUESTS

A guest is defined as an individual who is not an assigned resident of the particular bedroom, suite, or apartment he/she is visiting. Residents and their guests are expected to conduct themselves in a considerate manner with regard to the rights and needs of suitemates, apartment mates, and other residents. Non-resident guests, both those living in other on-campus facilities or off-campus, must be escorted at all times and must abide by the policies contained in this Handbook. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times. Violators of these rules may receive disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)).

Visitation hours are Sunday – Thursday, 9 am – Midnight and Friday & Saturday, 9 am – 2 am. There should be no more than double the maximum occupancy in an apartment or suite at any time. The maximum residential occupancy is as follows:

University Village:

- 1 Bedroom Unit: 2 residents
- 2 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents
- 3 Bedroom Unit: 3 residents
- 4 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents

Canyon Creek Heights

- 1 Bedroom Unit: 1 resident
- 2 Bedroom Private Unit: 2 residents
- 2 Bedroom Shared Unit: 4 residents
- 4 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents

University Commons

- 3 Bedroom Unit: 3 residents

Overnight guests are allowed only with the approval of all of your roommates, and only one overnight guest per suite/apartment will be allowed at any given time.

- All University Commons overnight guests must be registered with the front desk of the resident's respective building before visitation hours end. All University Village overnight guests must be registered with the University Village Housing Office during normal business hours. All Canyon Creek Heights overnight guests must be registered while the front desk is still open. All overnight guests will be required to show a valid government issued ID.
- An overnight guest is someone who stays later than visitation hours (past Midnight Sunday – Thursday, and past 2:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights).
- Residents are allowed an overnight guest in their suite/apartment a maximum of two nights per month. These visits can be either two consecutive nights or in two one-night increments. Visits may not be longer than two consecutive nights. Guests may not move from one room to another to extend their stay.
- No one under 18 years of age will be allowed to be a guest of a resident.
- No access card or key will be provided for the overnight guest. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))
- Residents must escort their guests at all times. Guests found without an escort, even in the unit, will be asked to leave the facility or property immediately. Failure to follow this prescribed rule will result in disciplinary action for the resident of the facility, and possibly the overnight guest, if the guest is a student.
- University Housing reserves the right to revoke a resident's guest and visitation privileges.

HEALTH CENTER

All currently enrolled students have access to the [Student Health Center](#) located on the 4th floor of the Student Services Building. The Student Health Center provides care and treatment for acute illnesses and minor injuries. Chronic health problems are out of the scope of practice of the Student Health Center and must be managed by an off campus provider. The mission of the Student Health Center is to promote, protect, maintain and restore the health status of students. Their goal is to provide quality medical care at minimal cost. They also strive to provide health education and preventative medicine. Students may be referred to off-campus providers for more serious problems that exceed the Center's capabilities.

For questions or comments, please visit the Student Health Center website:

www.utdallas.edu/healthcenter/

or call:

(972) 883-2747

Monday – Thursday: 8 am to 5:30 pm

Friday: 8 am to 5 pm

Closed on weekends, holidays, and whenever the University is closed

Tuition-paying students are seen at the Student Health Center at no charge for the office visit. Nominal fees are assessed for lab work, medications, and certain procedures. Payment for services is due at the time medical treatment is provided. Students are responsible for any financial obligations resulting from a referral to a private physician's office, lab, hospital, or other off campus provider, etc.

Students needing immediate medical attention after-hours or on weekends should go to a local physician, urgent care facility, minute clinic, or hospital emergency room if they have a true emergency.

The [UT Dallas Wellness Center](#) offers educational and preventative programs and support services. Brochures and other printed materials are also available at the Center.

HEALTH, SAFETY, & PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

University Housing staff will enter rooms to perform inspections to ensure health and safety standards are being met and to identify potential hazards. Residents will receive advance notification and will be expected to cooperate. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action. Inspections will focus on the following, but are not limited to this list:

Safety Equipment

- Smoke detectors
- Sprinkler heads
- Other security features (self-closing door hinges, window & door locks, etc.)

Fire Hazards

- Frayed and/or overloaded electrical wiring, including multiple cords or power strips plugged together ("daisy chained")
- Stacks of newspapers or magazines
- Covered heaters
- Buildup of grease in ovens, broilers, or on stovetops
- Storage of gasoline or other flammable materials, or gas powered vehicle in unit

Health Hazards

- Improperly disposed garbage or food
- Unclean bathtub or shower surfaces
- Improperly disposed aluminum cans, glass, bottles, and paper bags
- Obstructions blocking interior safety equipment or ease of ingress/egress
- Unreported water intrusion/leaks
- Pest control issues
- University Housing Terms and Conditions violations
- Prohibited pets
- Potential illegal occupancy
- Excessively dirty or cluttered rooms

Corrective warning notices will be given in writing within a reasonable time following the inspection. Any violations that mandate an automatic fine will also be communicated and charged to the student's account. Damages to the unit may be cause for disciplinary action in accordance

with the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)).

HOLIDAY CHECKLIST

If you are planning to leave town for a holiday or extended period of time, the following tips and reminders will help ensure a safe and problem-free return:

- Set your thermostat to “auto” and at 55 degrees. Leave the cabinet doors under your kitchen and bathroom sinks open in case of freeze warnings.
- Do not leave notes on your door, social media, or a message on your voicemail indicating you are out of town.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked.
- Clean out your refrigerator and take out the trash.
- Take all valuables (jewelry, camera, laptop, etc.) with you.
- We recommend leaving emergency contact numbers with the University Housing office.
- Unplug unnecessary devices.

IDENTIFICATION

For the safety and welfare of all students and to protect the property of the residence hall and apartments, University Housing staff may request proof of identity of any person on the premises. Failure to identify yourself to a University official or staff member upon request may result in disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) Individuals that are unable to provide identification may be asked to leave and the police may be contacted to assist with the situation.

ILLNESS

If a resident becomes ill or incapacitated, University Housing will engage the services of the local emergency medical service at the expense of the resident to administer immediate medical needs until the resident’s parents or guardians are contacted for instructions. If the emergency medical personnel recommends that the resident be removed from University Housing for care in a medical facility, the resident will be responsible for the expenses. The resident must inform University Housing of any special medical requirements so that such information may be available if an emergency arises.

INTERNET SERVICES

The University of Texas at Dallas Housing and Residence Life has partnered with MyResNet to provide internet service and support to your residence. Residents can register for an account at [myresnet.com](#). Once residents have created a unique name and password, they can log in and access ResNet. Residents may register up to 7 devices (computer, smart phone, tablet, game systems) to their account.

A support representative is available 24 hours a day to provide assistance and help connecting devices.

- Call: 855-465-6750
- Email: support@myresnet.com
- Text: ResNet to 84700
- Chat live at [myresnet.com](#)

KEYS, CARD ACCESS & LOCKOUTS

Your keys and Comet Card are your responsibility! **Do not loan them to anyone. Loaning your keys or card to another individual is a violation of housing rules, and may result in disciplinary action.** Making, causing to be made, or possessing any key for a University facility without proper authorization is prohibited. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

For safety purposes, do not place any identifying markers on your key ring, and never leave your keys unattended.

No additional locks may be installed.

In every facility there will be a \$75 charge to rekey a resident's room.

Replacement interior apartment/suite/mail key	\$ 75.00
Loss of Loaner Card	\$ 50.00
Lock change request	\$ 100.00

Loss of an exterior entry key, or not returning your key upon move-out, will result in a lock change and a charge as noted above. No charges will be assessed if your keys are reported stolen and a police report has been filed.

University Commons & Canyon Creek Heights Lockout Procedures

Residents who lose or temporarily misplace their bedroom key and/or Comet Card should immediately go to the front desk to request a lockout or to check out a temporary card to prevent misuse. Cards may be checked out for a maximum of 48 hours. **Each resident is permitted a total of four temporary card checkouts per year.** Subsequent checkouts may result in disciplinary action and a \$10 charge being assessed per occurrence. If you are locked out after-hours in Canyon Creek Heights, contact the on-call staff by calling the number posted at the front desk.

University Village Lockout Procedures

Residents who lose or temporarily misplace their keys should immediately report the issue to the University Village Housing Office. If you are locked out after-hours, call the office at (972) 883-7300 and follow the prompts. A member of management will respond to your call as soon as possible.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

University Commons and Canyon Creek Heights

Students living in University Commons and Canyon Creek Heights have 24-hour access with their Comet Card to the laundry facility on the first floor of the building. The washers and dryers are set to run at no charge and are included as an amenity for residents only. Students who allow outside individuals to use the laundry facility will be referred to University Housing for disciplinary action.

Personal property found to be unattended in any common area, including but not limited to the laundry rooms, study rooms, and clubhouses, will be held for a period of 14 days before being deposited. Reasonable effort will be made to identify the owner. If you leave something behind,

you should check with the office/front desk of the facility where you left the item(s). See *“ABANDONED PROPERTY” section for more information.*

If a washer/dryer malfunctions, please submit a maintenance request through the [MyHousing portal](#).

University Village Apartments

The University Village apartments, with the exception of certain floor plans in Phase 1, come equipped with a washer and dryer. If you have trouble with either appliance, please submit a maintenance request through the [MyHousing portal](#).

Residents without a washer and dryer in their apartment may use one of University Housing’s Clothes Care Centers. One Center is located adjacent to the Phase 1 pool in the north end of Phase 1, off Franklyn Jenifer Dr. The other is located at the south end of Phase 1 between buildings 9 and 10. Non-residents are not permitted to use the laundry facilities.

LOST & FOUND

If you lose or find something in the housing area, please call the UTD Police Department at (972) 883-2222. A follow-up call to the appropriate University Housing front desk is also recommended. See *“ABANDONED PROPERTY” section for more information.*

MAIL & PACKAGE DELIVERY

Packages are delivered to the building’s front desk or office. University Village residents may receive packages at their front door. Packages are only accepted for current residents with the current resident’s name. When a package is received at the front desk or office on your behalf, you will receive a package notification from University Housing in your UT Dallas email inbox. The package will be held for 14 days, at which time it will be returned to the sender if unclaimed. A valid picture ID must be presented to claim your package. If you are unable to pick up your package and would like to request a friend to pick it up, email housing@utdallas.edu with the friend’s name and NetID. The friend must be a UT Dallas student. If the request is approved, you will receive a confirmation email from University Housing with pickup instructions.

Packages become the personal property of the recipient once they are picked up. University Housing is not responsible for residents’ personal property and therefore cannot accept packages for return. Residents wishing to return their packages must return them by visiting a package drop-off location. For students’ convenience, a FedEx drop-off kiosk is located inside the Activity Center at the Copy Center.

University Housing is not responsible for perishable items. **Perishable food packages that arrive and are not picked up during that day’s business hours (Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) will be discarded.** Residents should make arrangements to pick up perishable food packages from the carrier immediately upon delivery.

University Housing will not accept delivery of any item that must be placed inside your apartment, i.e. furniture or C.O.D. deliveries.

University Commons Residence Halls

Each University Commons resident has their own mailbox. Mail will be posted to residents’ mailboxes once each day, Monday through Friday. Mail is not posted on the weekends and

holidays. Outgoing mail may be placed in the dedicated box at each mail center. All packages are delivered to the front desk.

University Village Apartments

The U.S. Post Office is responsible for mail delivery to the University Village apartments. There is a mail center in each area of the community. As a convenience to the residents, any parcels or packages that do not fit the available mail boxes and parcel lockers will be accepted at the University Village Housing Office. Outgoing mail may be placed in the dedicated box at each mail center.

Canyon Creek Heights Apartments

A mail center is available outside each Canyon Creek Heights apartment building. Mail will be posted to residents' mailboxes once each day, Monday through Friday. Mail is not posted on the weekends and holidays. Outgoing mail may be placed in the dedicated box at each mail center. All packages are delivered to the front desk.

MAINTENANCE

Requests for service may be placed by phone, in person, or online via the [MyHousing portal](#). Requests for any security-related matters must be submitted in writing, except in case of life/building safety emergencies. **Call the appropriate University Housing office to report a maintenance emergency. Do not submit emergency maintenance issues online.**

You must promptly notify us of water leaks, mold, electrical problems, malfunctioning lights, broken or missing locks or latches, and other conditions that pose a hazard to property, health, or safety. Failure to do so may cause you to be liable for any damage caused by the delayed or non-reporting of such problem in your apartment, suite, or bedroom.

We want you to enjoy your stay, and we have a duty to safeguard the buildings, so please, don't hesitate to request service for any problems.

MAINTENANCE EMERGENCIES

Call the appropriate University Housing office to report a maintenance emergency. The on-call technician will be notified and respond as quickly as possible. When calling to report a maintenance emergency, please be as detailed as possible and leave your contact information (cell phone, home phone, or if you'll be waiting in a neighbor's apartment, etc.). The correct contact information is critical to ensure a quick and effective response.

Emergency Calls vs. Priority Calls:

In an attempt to effectively manage after-hours calls, University Housing categorizes calls into two groupings: Emergency and Priority.

- **Priorities** are calls that do not conform to criteria for after-hours emergencies. They are routine service calls that can wait until morning, at which time the work order will be given priority status.
- **Emergencies** are defined as any breakdown or malfunction in which life, health, or property is threatened if immediate corrective action is not taken. Though it is impossible to list or predict all possible scenarios, **the list below includes acceptable on-call emergencies:**
 - No heat or air-conditioning when outside temperature is less than 50 degrees or higher than 80 degrees
 - Electrical or gas failure of any nature
 - Overflowing toilet

- Stopped up toilet if only one toilet is available in the apartment or suite
- Water problems such as leaks, severe backups, or broken pipes
- Malfunction of an essential appliance (ex: non-working refrigerator)
- No water
- No hot water when affecting more than one unit, or when exterior temperature is below 50 degrees
- Any unsecured entry
- Any threatening situation such as fire, flood, severe weather, police action, protecting a crime scene (broken windows, locks, doors, etc.)
- Bio hazards
- Lock outs

MAINTENANCE TIPS

Failure to properly maintain your apartment/suite may cause damage which could result in a violation of the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)). Should you require maintenance assistance, or if you have any questions regarding the operation of your appliances, please submit your request via the [MyHousing portal](#) or contact the appropriate front desk in person or via phone.

Garbage Disposal (University Village & Canyon Creek Heights)

- Cover the garbage disposal when it is not in use to prevent foreign material from accidentally dropping into the unit.
- Run COLD water when using the disposal in order to flush shredded waste through the drains.
- DO NOT put bones, bottle caps, glass, foil, rags, cigarettes, string, paper, anything fibrous (i.e., celery, artichokes, corn husks, etc.), or grease down the garbage disposal. These items will build up and cause clogging.

Troubleshooting

1. Press the reset button under the garbage disposal unit (located under the sink) and turn the switch on.
2. If the disposal still does not operate, submit a maintenance request through the [MyHousing portal](#) and we will send someone to repair the unit.

Dishwashers (University Village & Canyon Creek Heights)

- Rinse your dishes before loading the dishwasher to help prevent the drain from clogging.
- Load dishwasher-safe plastic and wooden items on the top rack only.
- Do not place fragile glassware in the dishwasher; the jet action may cause the items to break.
- Contact the office for detailed operating instructions and assistance.

Washer & Dryer:

- Leave the washer's lid open after washing to allow moisture to evaporate.
- The wash basket is practically maintenance free, but if you want to clean the basket, wipe it with a clean soft cloth dampened with liquid detergent. Do not use harsh or gritty cleaners. Rinse using any rinse setting.
- Do not overload the washer. Overloading the washer or allowing it to become unbalanced can cause damage to the washer, and you may be responsible for any damage.
- Clean the dryer's lint filter before each use. This helps prevent fires and allows the dryer to operate efficiently. To clean the filter, moisten your fingers and reach into the filter

opening. Run your fingers across the filter. Lint must be removed from in and around the dryer (check behind the machine) to reduce the risk of fire.

- Immediately clean up any spills or washing compounds on the washer and dryer using a damp cloth. The dryer control panel and finishes may be damaged by some laundry pretreatment and stain remover products if such products are sprayed on or have direct contact with the dryer.
- Avoid using sharp objects near the washer and dryer. They could cause damage to the machines, and you may be held responsible for such damage.

Toilets

- Clogged toilets can be prevented by ensuring that only toilet tissue, used in moderation, is flushed down the toilet. Keep a plunger on hand to quickly solve clogs yourself. Maintenance assistance is available for serious backups.

Light Bulbs

- Your apartment/suite is supplied with light bulbs at time of move-in. After move-in, it is your responsibility to replace burned out light bulbs in any **personal** lamps or fixtures.
- Please report unlit bulbs over walkways, halls, or common areas to the appropriate University Housing office.

Smoke Detectors

- Your apartment/suite has smoke detectors located throughout the unit. These detectors are hardwired to the electrical system and have battery backup. As the proper functioning of these detectors is critical to your safety, we recommend that you inspect and test them on a monthly basis. It is a violation of the law and your University Housing Terms and Conditions to remove or tamper with these detectors. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))
- Immediately call the appropriate University Housing office to report any malfunctioning detectors. Please note, if your smoke detector is beeping, the battery may be low. Do not disassemble the unit. Call the appropriate University Housing office to have a new battery put in.
- *For more information on fire safety, please see the “FIRE PREVENTION – HAZARDS/FLAMMABLES” & “FIRE/SECURITY EQUIPMENT/EVACUATIONS” sections.*

Central Air & Heat

- Your apartment/suite is equipped with an individual central air and heat unit. An ideal temperature setting is between 73°-76°F, with the minimum to maximum range being from 70°-78°F. (Be aware that setting your thermostat to temperature extremes may cause damage to your heating/cooling unit.)
- Allow a minimum of 20 minutes for the temperature to adjust.

HVAC (Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning) Filters

- Your air conditioning filter will be new at move-in. The maintenance team will check/replace your filter on a bi-monthly basis. Additional replacements may be requested at any time during your tenancy.

Mold/Moisture Awareness

- Remove any visible moisture accumulation, including on walls, windows, floors, ceilings, and bathroom fixtures.
- Mop up spills and thoroughly dry affected areas as soon as possible.

- Use exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathroom when necessary, and keep the climate and moisture at reasonable levels.
- Clean and dust the regularly. Keep the premises, particularly the kitchen and bath, clean.
- Promptly notify the appropriate office of the presence of any of the following conditions:
 - Water leaks, excessive moisture, or standing water inside the premises, including in common areas.
 - Mold growth that persists after the resident has tried several times to remove it with a household cleaning solution, such as Lysol or Pine-Sol disinfectant, Tilex Mildew Remover, Clorox, or a combination of water and bleach.
 - A malfunction in any part of the heating, air-conditioning, or ventilation system.
- Residents will be liable to pay for damages caused by failing to comply with these instructions.

Waste Removal & Recycling

Trash and recycling dumpsters are located throughout University Housing. It is your responsibility to place trash in the outdoor receptacles. *For more information about trash and recycling, including a map of the compactor locations, please see the "TRASH/RECYCLING" section.*

MEAL PLAN

Students living in University Commons are required to carry a meal plan for the fall and spring semesters of their residency. Please contact [UTD Dining Services](#) for more details.

MOTORCYCLES & SCOOTERS (Fuel Operated)

All fuel-operated vehicles may be parked **only** in designated areas and must be properly registered. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) Due to safety concerns, it is prohibited to store such vehicles inside the premises, on patios/balconies, stairwells, landings, breezeways, and walkways. Any of these vehicles found in or around the premises, beyond the designated areas, may be cited, towed, and impounded at the owner's expense.

MOVE-OUT

To avoid an improper move-out fee, the following must be completed prior to moving out. (Detailed information will be sent prior to the end-of-semester move-out day.)

- Clean the entire apartment/suite
 - Remove all belongings from the suite/apartment, patio/balcony, and storage room
 - Remove all trash, and dispose of it properly
 - Clean all exterior and interior surfaces of the kitchen appliances (including the refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, hood, and microwave)
 - Sweep and mop all uncarpeted floors
 - Vacuum all carpets
 - Clean all bathrooms
 - Clean and remove any shelf paper from the cabinets, drawers, and shelves
 - Clean all mirrors, ceiling fans, and light fixtures
 - Clean all windows and mini-blinds
- Pick up all mail and packages
- Remove bicycle from bicycle racks or storage

- Return all keys (front door, bedroom, and mail keys, as applicable to your living space) to the appropriate University Housing front desk or office during business hours.
- Complete move-out documentation at the appropriate University Housing front desk or office.

Failure to properly check out of your unit per the guidelines provided in the Resident Handbook or through any other direct communication provided to your UT Dallas email account or in person, could result in charges. Improper checkouts may result in a \$100 fee. Late checkouts (checkouts past the move-out deadline listed in the University Housing Terms and Conditions) may result in a \$100 fee plus the daily rate of the assigned unit for each day stayed past the deadline.

These following guidelines are intended to aid you in preparing for the final inspection by University Housing staff. Some items listed may not apply to your situation. Completion of these items will greatly reduce the likelihood of move-out charges being assessed. Should you have any additional concerns, contact the appropriate University Housing office prior to the inspection.

MOVE-OUT DATES

You must move out by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on or before the exact date required under your University Housing Terms and Conditions (Housing Agreement). The date can be found in this location: <https://utdallas.edu/housing/index.html#housingdates>.

CLEANING GUIDELINES

KITCHEN (University Village and Canyon Creek Heights)

Thoroughly clean all appliances and cabinets. Clean all countertops and sinks. Pay special attention to the following items:

- Stove – remove debris from the burners, broiler pan, and underside of the cook top.
- Range Hood – remove grease from the fan, filter, and light cover.
- Refrigerator – wipe clean the door seals and kick plate. Set the temperature to the lowest setting.
- Dishwasher – wipe clean the door seals, racks, and outtake filter.
- Microwave – wipe clean the door seals, vent, and interior.

BATHROOMS

Thoroughly clean the floors, sinks, shower/tubs, and toilet fixtures. Pay special attention to the following items:

- Cabinets – thoroughly clean the interior and the mirrors.
- Light Fixtures/Exhaust Fans – remove dust and wipe clean.
- Faucets – remove rust and other mineral deposits.

WALLS/DOORS

Remove any scuffmarks, crayon, food, and other debris from the walls. (Please do not attempt to fill/patch nail holes.) Door moldings and knobs should be clean and free of dust.

WINDOWS

Thoroughly wipe all windows and window coverings (this includes blinds, windows, and screens), removing all dust, marks, and streaks. In addition, please remove dirt and debris from window tracks and locks.

CEILING FIXTURES

Dust and clean the light fixtures, ceiling fans, and HVAC vents. Be very careful not to activate the sprinkler system!

FLOORING

Sweep and mop all vinyl and tile flooring. **DO NOT USE WAX** on any flooring. Clean and remove dust from baseboards throughout the apartment. Vacuum carpets thoroughly. It is not necessary to have the carpets shampooed. However, if you feel that your carpet is heavily stained and has wax/gum imbedded in the fibers, then you may want to schedule a professional carpet cleaning. Contact University Housing for a list of suggested carpet cleaners. Units which only have regular wear and tear will not be assessed a carpet cleaning fee. Special instructions may be given at the time of pre-inspection regarding additional carpet care.

PATIOS & STORAGE CLOSETS (University Village Only)

Sweep and clean the floors. Remove any cobwebs from ceilings, beams, and around light fixtures. Remove all personal belongings and dispose of trash.

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

- Disinfecting cleansers (such as 409, Fantastik or Windex Glass & Surface) work well on most surfaces (furniture, ceiling fans, baseboards, etc.).
- S.O.S. Pads will help you easily clean the oven and drip pans.
- Disinfecting and non-sudsing cleansers with the ability to cut grease (such as Top Job or Mr. Clean) are perfect for the kitchen and bathroom (countertops, floors, exhaust fan, vanity, etc.).
- Ajax and Comet work well for scrubbing sinks and bathtubs.
- Use a glass cleaner like Windex Glass & Surface for all mirrors and doors.
- For shower tiles, use a soap scum and grout cleaner (such as Tilex or Scrub Free).
- Disinfecting toilet bowl cleaners (such as Lysol Cling Free) are best for cleaning toilets.

MOVE-OUT CHARGES

(Charges are subject to change)

KEYS

- Front Door Key \$ 100.00 (requires lock change)
- Bedroom Key \$ 75.00 per key
- Mailbox Key \$ 75.00 per key
- Loss of Temporary Access Card \$ 50.00 per card

GENERAL CLEANING

- 1bed/1bath \$ 58.00
- 2bed/2bath \$ 81.00
- 3bed/1bath \$ 58.00
- 4bed/2bath \$ 92.00

CARPET CLEANING

- 1bed/1bath \$ 46.00
- 2bed/2bath \$ 66.00
- 4bed/2bath \$ 90.00

- Stain/burn/gum/wax removal fees will be assessed by an independent contracted carpet cleaning company.

CARPET REPLACEMENT

- 1bed/1bath \$ 404.00
- 2bed/2bath \$ 728.00
- 4bed/2bath \$ 920.00
- Prices above are for entire unit replacements. Units are assessed and only needed areas are replaced. Rates will differ for individual room replacements.

PAINTING

- 1bed/1bath \$ 127.00
- 2bed/2bath \$ 219.00
- 3bed/1bath \$ 127.00
- 4bed/2bath \$ 299.00

MISCELLANEOUS

- Trash Removal \$ 10.00 per bag
- Interior Door Replacement \$ 45.00
- Front Door Replacement \$ 204.00
- Window Screen \$ 40.00 large \$ 25.00 small
- Blinds \$ 25.00 - \$ 55.00
- Window Pane \$ 62.00
- Patio Sliding Screen Door \$ 65.00
- Towel Bar \$ 10.00
- Smoke Detectors \$ 25.00 per unit
- Ceiling Fan \$ 52.00 per unit
- Washing Machine \$ 360.00
- Clothes Dryer \$ 310.00
- Microwave \$ 270.00
- Refrigerator \$ 500.00
- Washer/Dryer Combo (1 bedrooms only) \$ 990.00

This list is not comprehensive and does not include all charges that may be assessed at time of move-out. Professional contract services required for repairs other than for carpet cleaning, housekeeping and painting, will be billed at cost + 15%. **All common area charges will be split equally among the University Housing Terms and Conditions holders unless one or more individuals take full responsibility in writing.**

Questions about move-out charges should be sent to housing@utdallas.edu.

MYHOUSING

The [MyHousing portal](#) is University Housing's one-stop-shop for everything regarding on-campus housing. Students may use the portal to:

- Apply/sign-up for on-campus housing
- Participate in the Returning Resident application process
- Check the status of their housing application
- Submit work orders

NOISE

Engaging in disorderly, lewd, indecent, inappropriate, loud, or obscene conduct or behavior that interferes with the orderly functioning of the University or interferes with an individual's pursuit of an education will not be permitted at any time. This includes, but is not limited to, stereos, amplified sound in outdoor areas, televisions, musical instruments, slamming doors and windows, running up and down stairs, sounding vehicle horns, and yelling. Residents are not to place stereo speakers in windows or otherwise amplify sound from windows to the outside. The use of stereos and other amplified sound in common areas, including the pool area and clubhouse, must be approved by University Housing. Residents are expected to maintain an atmosphere conducive to studying, especially in the evenings. 24-hour courtesy hours are in place in all residential living areas.

At all times, residents and their guests must be considerate of their neighbors' right to the quiet enjoyment of their home. Residents are responsible for their guests' behavior. University Housing is committed to providing a living environment that compliments and fosters the academic and intellectual development of all UT Dallas students.

Violators of the noise rule may be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

OCCUPANCY LIMITS

The maximum occupancy limits for the apartments and suites are as follows:

University Village:

- 1 Bedroom Unit: 2 residents
- 2 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents
- 3 Bedroom Unit: 3 residents
- 4 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents

Canyon Creek Heights

- 1 Bedroom Unit: 1 resident
- 2 Bedroom Private Unit: 2 residents
- 2 Bedroom Shared Unit: 4 residents
- 4 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents

University Commons

- 3 Bedroom Unit: 3 residents

The capacity should not exceed **twice the maximum occupancy** at any time.

OFFICE HOURS & CLOSINGS

University Commons Residence Halls

The University Commons front desks are open 24 hours a day unless otherwise posted. University Housing staffs are available Monday – Friday 9 am – 6 pm.

All University Housing will be open during the University's winter break, with the exception of Residence Hall South. The doors of the buildings will be closed and access will be removed during this time period for students not approved to stay. Dates of this period may vary slightly from the official winter break and will be posted each year in the weeks prior to closing. Annually, Residence Hall South will be completely shut down during part of winter break due to maintenance.

University Village Apartments

Office hours are posted at the entrance to the University Village Housing Office. The office may occasionally close for holidays, inclement weather, or other circumstances. If the office is closed, a sign will be placed on the front door of the office. The sign will include information as to when the office will be closed, when it will reopen, and the number to call for maintenance emergencies. For scheduled closings, University Village will provide a minimum of 72-hours' notice prior to the date of closing.

Normal Operating Hours:

Monday – Friday: 10 am – 7 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm

Canyon Creek Heights Apartments

The front desk hours for Canyon Creek Heights are posted at the front desk. University Housing staffs are available Monday – Friday 8 am – 5 pm. The front desk may have limited hours during holidays, inclement weather, or other circumstances. If the desk is closed, a sign will be placed on the desk. The sign will include information as to when the office will be closed, when it will reopen, and the number to call for maintenance emergencies. For scheduled closings, University Housing will provide a minimum of 72-hours' notice prior to the date of closing.

Normal Operating Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 am – 11 pm
Saturday: 10am – 9 pm
Sunday: Noon – 11 pm

PARKING

When entering or leaving the community, you are required to operate your vehicle at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour. Observe all traffic and parking signs, as the streets throughout the community are accessible to the public and emergency vehicles. All surface (street) parking is unassigned, unless otherwise specified by signage.

Traffic enforcement throughout the University Housing community is managed by the [UTD Police Department](#). In compliance with the Texas Education Code 51.207 (b), The University of Texas at Dallas has procedures for enforcing State of Texas vehicle inspection laws for vehicles parking or driving on campus. Visit www.utdallas.edu/parking for enforcement information.

Residential parking permits are required for all residents and are only valid for the fiscal year (September 1st through August 31st). They may be purchased online at www.utdallas.edu/myparking.

Residential parking permits allow residents to park in the designated area for their building. Residence hall lots and apartment lots have separate permits. Campus parking in non-residential areas requires a different permit.

Visitors must obtain a visitor permit through the parking office.

Boats, recreational vehicles, trailers, campers, commercial vehicles, storage units, and trucks used for purposes other than for personal use may not remain on property except for purposes of loading and unloading. University Housing reserves the right to permit these vehicles in designated areas.

You may not wash your vehicle or perform any mechanical repairs/maintenance while on the premises.

PATIOS & BALCONIES

University Village apartment residents must keep their patios and balconies neat and clean. These areas may not be used for the storage of automobile tires, firewood, or other unsightly heavy items, or to dry clothes. Only outdoor furniture may be placed on any patio or balcony. Pursuant to City of Richardson Fire Code, the use and storage of any outdoor cooking grill is prohibited on the patios/balconies. No unsecured plants are permitted on the ledges or protruding from the railing. No more than six people may be on a balcony at any given time. Motorbikes and mopeds are not allowed. Smoking and the disposal of tobacco is prohibited everywhere on UT Dallas property, including apartment patios and balconies.

PAYMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY HOUSING

All housing charges associated with assignments in University Housing will be processed through the [Bursar's office](#). Rent for the full academic year contract will be divided into two equal charges and placed on your university account prior to the fall and spring semester. All payments for housing charges must be made in accordance with Bursar timelines.

Residents who are required or choose to purchase a meal plan will make their payments for these meal plans through the Bursar's Office.

Residents who fail to meet their rental payment obligations under the University Housing Terms and Conditions will be considered delinquent and all remedies under state law will be authorized. Delinquent accounts will be referred to the University Housing office for additional procedures which could involve, enrollment/graduation holds, and immediate cancellation of the University Housing Terms and Conditions.

PEER ADVISORS

Peer Advisors (PAs) are upperclassmen student employees who live on campus and provide University Housing residents -with personal, academic, and housing-related peer support. 154 PAs are assigned to the residence halls and apartments. Students selected as PAs go through an extensive training period to fully prepare them for their role. PAs live with their designated communities and provide various resources to residents, including:

- Community building through individual interactions and group activities
- Knowledge about campus resources and UT Dallas policies & procedures
- Resources to help with conflict mediation between roommates
- On-call services to respond to after-hours or emergency concerns

If you need assistance after-hours, please contact your area's PA on call phone number:

Apartments – Buildings 2-36:	(214) 543-7101
Apartments – Buildings 38-51:	(214) 385-5731
Apartments – Buildings 53-67:	(214) 385-5734
Residence Hall North:	(972) 883-5241
Residence Hall South:	(972) 883-5561
Residence Hall Northwest:	(972) 883-7341
Residence Hall Southwest:	(972) 883-7361
Residence Hall West:	(972) 883-7410
Canyon Creek Heights North:	(972) 883-7391

Canyon Creek Heights South: (972) 883-7381

PEST CONTROL

University Housing contracts with a nationwide commercial vendor for pest control service. All housing facilities receive extermination services once per quarter, with additional services scheduled as needed. Interior extermination service is offered at no cost to the residents, and you will be notified before your building/room is treated.

Bed bugs are a severe problem on many college campuses, mainly because students do not know how to identify or report bed bugs. If you see signs of bed bugs, contact the appropriate University Housing office immediately.

Bed bug bites may be identified by small welts similar to mosquito bites. Often these welts occur in rows of three or more and cause itching and discomfort. These bites may show up in the morning, but they typically take a few days to appear. If bed bugs are present, tiny dark excrement stains will appear on sheets, pillowcases, and mattresses. Molted skins and egg shells may also be present, but look for the crawling or dead adults as well.

If an active infestation is found, we will treat the unit at no cost to you. However, preparation of your unit will be your responsibility. Non-compliance with a bed bug treatment (i.e. preparation for treatment), or more than one case of bed bugs, may result in you being held liable for payment of treatment and potential disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

More information on bed bugs may be found in the “BED BUGS” section.

Report any pest control issue to the appropriate University Housing office as soon as possible. After most pest control services, it is common to see an increased amount of insect activity as the specially formulated applications disrupt nesting and hiding sites.

PET RULES

University Housing approved pets may include dogs, cats, and fish. Fish tanks (limited to 20 gallons) are permitted throughout all housing facilities and may only contain fish. Residents living in one- or two- bedroom University Village apartments may maintain a maximum of two pets (cats or dogs) per apartment unit. Dogs and cats may not exceed 35 lbs. at maturity and must be at least 1 year old. Cats and dogs are strictly prohibited in University Commons, Canyon Creek Heights, and all four-bedroom apartments in University Village. (*Service Animals for students and Assistance Animals with approved documentation are welcome. More information may be found in the “ASSISTANCE ANIMALS” section of the Resident Handbook: utdallas.edu/housing/handbook or on the [Office of Student AccessAbility’s website: utdallas.edu/studentaccess.](http://utdallas.edu/studentaccess)*)

All residents wishing to maintain a pet, Service Animal, or Assistance Animal in their unit must work with University Housing Operations staff to complete the University Housing Pet and Animal Agreement form. Residents must bring proof of current vaccinations, City of Richardson registration, and a current photo of the pet. Residents must obtain written consent from their roommates prior to acquiring a pet. If the resident renews their University Housing Terms and Conditions, they must obtain written consent from all roommates in the unit assigned to them for the next agreement term. (Service Animals and Assistance Animals are exempt from these consent requirements.) If the roommates do not give written consent, the resident will be

required to look at other options. The resident must either look into renting an entire unit, if available, or remove the pet from their apartment. The Pet Agreement and roommate written consent must be renewed annually.

A one-time non-refundable fee of \$100 per pet will be collected along with \$100 per pet each semester with a maximum of \$300 annually. (Semesters include fall, spring, and summer annually.) A new pet fee will not be required to renew the same pet; however, the per-semester rates will continue to be charged to the resident's Bursar account until the resident cancels their University Housing Terms and Conditions or the pet is no longer in the apartment and the resident cancels their Pet and Animal Agreement in writing by emailing housing@utdallas.edu. We request that owners of Service Animals and Assistance Animals fill out the agreement for notification purposes, however the fees will not be charged to these owners.

- University Housing will provide each approved resident with one pet tag per registered animal, with a maximum of two (2) pet tags per apartment unit. The tag will have a unique registration number. It is highly suggested that the tag be worn by the pet at all times. In the case of pets who do not wear collars, the pet tag must be visible in the common area of the apartment, tagged to a pet kennel, or visible to staff if the pet is outside for any reason. . In addition to wearing the provided pet tag, we recommend that all pets wear identifying tags with the pet's name and owner's phone number.

Unregistered pets and any violations will result in a rule violation which may include fines and disciplinary action. (Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.)

Residents are responsible for the actions of their pet(s) at all times:

- Keep the animal on a leash and under your supervision when outside the apartment. Animals may not be tied to any fixed object anywhere outside the apartment unit.
- Animals must not disturb the rights, comforts, and conveniences of neighbors or other residents. This applies whether the animal is inside or outside of the resident's apartment.
- Promptly and properly dispose of all animal waste. Violators will be fined and may lose the privilege of having animals on campus or in the apartment facilities.
- Animals must be fed and watered inside the dwelling unit. Animal food or water may not be left outside the apartment unit at any time.
- Residents must provide a litter box for their cat's use. Cat litter must be bagged prior to disposal. Toilets must not be used for disposal, even if litter is labeled as "flushable." Regular cleaning of the litter box and apartment is required and will be checked regularly by University Housing staff. Failure to properly care for the litter box and apartment could result in cleaning charges.
- Residents must prevent any fleas or other infestation of the premises. If you suspect that you have fleas in your apartment, contact University Housing immediately.
- In the event your animal is found outdoors, every reasonable attempt will be made to locate the owner prior to impound by local animal control services. When requesting maintenance work in their apartment, residents are required to state that they have an animal. Though our personnel will take every precaution to ensure that animals do not get out of the apartment, we cannot guarantee they will not escape. If possible, confine your animals(s) to a separate room.

University Housing has the right to make reasonable changes and additions to the University Housing Pet & Animal Agreement and to distribute the changes to all residents who have registered pets or assistance animals.

POOL RULES

The rules and regulations listed below are for the protection and benefit of all, to assure safe and sanitary operation of the pool facilities. Your cooperation in abiding by these rules will ensure a pleasant and relaxing recreational experience everyone. Failure to comply with the rules shall be considered sufficient cause for any action deemed necessary by us, including barring of violators from the use of the pool area. In addition to the rules listed below, please refer to the pool rules posted in the pool area of your community. Persons ages 15 years and under may use the pool only if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is also a University Housing Terms and Conditions holder. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

1. No diving
2. Children must not use the pool without adult supervision
3. Dial 9-1-1 for emergency medical services or police emergencies, or use an emergency blue phone
4. Pool Hours:10 am – 10 pm, Sunday – Saturday
5. No alcoholic beverages in pool area
6. No glass in pool area
7. No running or rough play in the pool area
8. Residents must accompany visitors
9. Appropriate swimwear is required
10. No pets allowed in the pool area

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

University Housing has swimming pools, sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, tennis courts, a multipurpose sports court, billiards, and ping-pong available for University Housing residents. Equipment may be checked out with a Comet Card. University Village clubhouses/social centers are available on a first-come, first-served basis unless a private reservation has been made through the University Housing office. To make a reservation, please email housing@utdallas.edu. Reservations are not necessary to use the facilities, although a resident must always be present with any guests, and must be considerate of others. The sport courts in University Housing are open daily from 10 am until 10 pm.

You, and all guests and occupants, must comply with any written rules or policies, including instructions for care. Team sports, such as soccer, kickball, softball, etc., are not permitted on the sport courts, in parking areas/driveways, or in hallways/breezeways. There are open fields available for these types of team sports. Water in a clear plastic bottle with a lid is allowed. All other food and beverages are not permitted for consumption on or in the court area at any time. Glass containers are prohibited in or near pools, sport courts, and all other common areas.

Appropriate athletic attire is required at all times. Athletic shoes are required on the courts at all times. Non-marking shoes must be worn on all hard surface sports courts. Use of these facilities is at your own risk and we are not responsible for accidents, injuries or lost, stolen, damaged, or misplaced items. There should be no hanging on the rims, horseplay, or inappropriate use of the court equipment at any time. Activities which disturb other residents are not allowed on or near the court areas. Please be courteous to other patrons in the court areas. Any excessive noise or inappropriate behavior which causes a disturbance to other residents will not be tolerated. You

are expected to be considerate and maintain an appropriate noise level at all times when using the facilities. University Housing staff reserve the right to request that persons violating court rules or exhibiting inappropriate behavior leave the court area(s). Failure to comply is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) and may result in disciplinary action.

In consideration of University Housing's permission to use the recreational facilities, if any, at all University Housing areas, the resident waives any and all claims that may be asserted against The University of Texas at Dallas' representatives, employees or contractors, arising from or with respect to Resident's use of the facilities, if any. This waiver also applies with respect to any injury or illness that may result (directly or indirectly) from any utilization of the recreational facilities, if any. If Resident uses the recreational facilities, if any, Resident represents and warrants that Resident is in proper physical condition to use these facilities, if any, and has read, understands, and will comply with all posted and or published warnings, rules, regulations, and hours of operation. Resident also assumes all liability for Resident's guests.

RECYCLING

Please see "TRASH & RECYCLING" section

RELOCATION OF RESIDENT

University Housing reserves the right to relocate a resident to another room within University Housing. Possible reasons might include, but are not limited to, disciplinary action, expulsion, consolidation, availability, or for public health reasons. In the event that the room assigned to the resident is not ready for occupancy at the beginning of their University Housing Terms and Conditions term, University Housing may assign the resident to another room in University Housing.

Relocation may be required at any point during the semester in order to accommodate students remaining on the wait list. At the end of the spring semester, students staying through the summer that are transferring to another apartment will be required to relocate until their permanent summer/fall placement is available.

RENTER'S INSURANCE

You are responsible for obtaining renter's insurance to protect your personal belongings and to protect yourself against any damages to, or loss of property in, the community as a result of your failure to abide by the policies and procedures contained in the University Housing Terms and Conditions and this Handbook, or by circumstances beyond human control. **You understand that the insurance in place for the community does not provide coverage for your personal belongings or damages.** If you or your guests suffer a loss due to fire, flood, vandalism, theft, or other manner of action, or if there is damage to any part of the community, that loss will not be covered by the community's insurance. In general, renter's insurance is not expensive, and it can provide substantial protection and peace of mind.

RESIDENCE HALLS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

Residence Hall South must close over the winter break to allow for annual maintenance. For safety reasons, we will not allow access to the building during this time.

Residents may leave their belongings (less any food that may spoil) in their suites during this time, but they will not have access to their suites.

The specific dates of the closure will be provided prior to closing, but, generally, Residence Hall South will close in late December and reopen during the first week of January. *More information on University Commons closures can be found in the “OFFICE HOURS & CLOSURES” section.*

RESIDENT, VISITOR, & OVERNIGHT GUEST BEHAVIOR

Residents are responsible for the consequences of their guests’ actions. Residents and guests who, by virtue of their inappropriate behavior or conduct towards themselves or others, exhibit an inability to live in a group setting, refuse intervention, and/or endanger themselves or others in any manner, may be asked to leave University Housing. Residents should inform their guests of conduct rules and accompany them at all times. Failure to abide by these rules is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)), and disciplinary action may be taken.

University Housing may exclude guests from the community who, in our judgment, are violating the law, violating the University Housing Terms and Conditions, or disturbing other residents, neighbors, visitors, or staff. University Housing may also work with the UTD Police to exclude people from any outside area or common area who refuse to show photo identification or refuse to identify themselves as a resident or guest of a specific resident.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

One of the primary goals of Residential Life is to assist in the personal growth and development of University Housing residents. Working toward this goal is a staff of carefully selected and trained student leaders called Peer Advisers (PAs). PAs are aware of the particular problems and needs of on-campus residents and are trained to assist in these areas.

The PAs are supervised by staff who are full-time professional staff members responsible for overseeing the Residential Life program. *For more information about PAs, see the “PEER ADVISORS” section.*

Residential Life Office

(972) 883-7430

reslife@utdallas.edu

utdallas.edu/reslife

ROOFTOPS

For safety reasons, residents are not allowed on the roof or ladders of any University Housing building. If a resident is found on the roof or ladder of a facility, they will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Section 49.10](#))

ROOM CHANGES & TRANSFERS

University Housing recognizes the need for residents to live in a safe and comfortable living environment. Residents will be able to request a specific floorplan and will include their reason for transferring. Residents requesting a room transfer due to a roommate conflict may be subject to a roommate mediation. If a resident is requesting a transfer due to being physically threatened or hurt by their roommate, call the UT Dallas Police Department at 972-883-2222 immediately.

Residents are able to request a room transfer on the MyHousing Portal. Room transfers are made based upon availability and on a case-by-case basis. After the request has been received, a resident will need to meet with a professional staff member for more information and to discuss feasibility, availability and logistics of the requested transfer. If approved, each transfer is subject to a \$200 transfer fee to be billed to the University bill.

University Housing reserves the right to assign or reassign students to other rooms and halls for pending disciplinary action or in order to make the most effective use of the available accommodations. University Housing will make every effort to inform residents of potential and newly assigned roommates in a timely manner.

Residents with a vacancy within their unit must be prepared for a new roommate to move in at any time. Residents should not spread their belongings throughout the room or use furniture designated for another roommate. Residents found to be utilizing an empty space not assigned to them will be subject to additional housing charges.

ROOM RESERVATION RULES

University Housing residents, student organizations, and University departments may utilize University Housing's meeting spaces for their events and meetings. There are no costs or fees to reserve a room. Rooms are provided as-is; special furniture setup must be arranged through [Facilities Management](#).

Residents of University Housing may reserve rooms for personal use only:

- **University Commons residents** may reserve the classroom, multipurpose room, or lobby in the building in which they reside. (Residents of RHW may not make reservations in RHW due to LLC programming. Instead, they may request to use a space in another residence hall.)
- **University Village and Canyon Creek Heights residents** may reserve the Phase 3 and Phase 4 clubhouses. Pools may not be reserved; they must remain open to any resident who wishes to use the pool.
- Residents are allowed one reservation per day. Reservations may be made for a maximum of four consecutive hours.
- Reservation requests must be received at least five days prior to the event. Please email the [Housing Operations Coordinator](#) with the intended date, time, and name of the event to request the reservation.

Registered Student Organizations may reserve the RHS Classroom, RHS Multipurpose Room, or RHS Lobby. Organizations are allowed one reservation per day. Reservations may be made for a maximum of four consecutive hours. All student organization reservation requests must be received at least 10 days in advance through the [EMS system](#). Reservation requests for the fall semester will open on August 22, with the soonest event date being September 1.

University Departments may reserve rooms for their events and meetings by contacting the [Housing Operations Coordinator](#). Departments may reserve the classrooms, multipurpose rooms, and lobbies in the residence halls, or the Phase 3, Phase 4, or Phase 8 Clubhouses. Pools may be reserved with special permission from University Housing.

Rooms are available on a first-come first-served basis. Submission of a request does not guarantee the reservation of the room. University Commons rooms are available to be reserved from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. University Village Clubhouses may be reserved from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Residence halls are closed to student reservations during the summer due to [Residential Camps and Conferences Services](#) events.

Food is allowed in the rooms, but it needs to be arranged through [Dining Services](#). Alcohol is not allowed in any University Housing meeting space.

Any changes or cancellations to room reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the date of the event.

ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

All residents are required to complete a Roommate Agreement with their Peer Advisor. Roommate Agreements are put in place to assist students in living in a community environment. They often address things such as temperature in the units, cleaning responsibilities, conflict resolution, and any other items the roommates would like addressed.

In the event of a roommate dispute or conflict, the Residential Life staff reserves the right to revisit the current Roommate Agreement or complete a new one.

SAFETY

Campus safety and security is a shared responsibility. You can protect yourself, your community, and your property by taking steps to decrease your exposure to risk. Be aware of your physical surroundings and the people around you at all times. Use assertive body language to communicate that you are in control. Travel with friends at night or use the University's walking escort services (Campus Police Student Patrol). **Keep doors and windows locked**, even when inside. Trust your instincts and use common sense to help keep you safe and deter an attacker. Remember, a crime cannot occur if the opportunity for crime is not present!

The University Housing community is patrolled by the [UTD Police Department](#); however, no police department can function effectively without the collaborative assistance of the community it serves. If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1. Attempting to locate a vehicle on patrol or calling one of the housing offices will delay response time.

Security Phone Numbers & Websites

Emergencies:	9-1-1
UTD Campus Police:	(972) 883-2222

The following suggestions will help you take an active role in securing your home, property, and most importantly, yourself.

In your Residence:

- Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies. If an emergency arises, call the appropriate government authorities first.
- **Ensure that all of your doors and windows are locked at all times.** If any of your locks are inoperable, please contact your housing office or front desk immediately.
- Keep your doors locked, even if you are away for only a few minutes. An unlocked door allows easy access to criminals. Remember that most losses occur during the day.
- Use the keyless deadbolt in your apartment unit when you are at home.
- If you return to your residence and you think it has been entered illegally, do not enter. Call the UTD Police at (972) 883-2222 for assistance by using a cell phone, neighbor's

phone, or one of the 24-hour emergency call stations located throughout University Housing.

- Residence doors have peep holes that should be used before permitting entry to anyone. If a peephole is broken or missing, call the appropriate University Housing office and make a request for service.
- Only allow University officials with proper identification to enter your residence. Do not invite strangers into your home.
- Keep a complete list and take pictures of the serial and identification numbers of all your appliances and electronics, including computers, televisions, DVD players, stereos, etc. This will greatly aid in recovering stolen goods.
- Keep valuables out of sight by closing curtains or blinds and storing such items away from windows.
- Do not advertise that you are not home. Never leave a note on your door or on social media stating you are away from your residence.
- Do not display your apartment/suite keys in public or carelessly leave them in the mail area, at the pool, or places where they can be easily stolen.
- Do not affix identifying tags with your address to your key chain.
- Establish a buddy system with a neighbor. Each should be wary of anything out of the ordinary in and around each other's premises. Let your neighbor know when you will be arriving home late, or if you will be away for an extended period of time. Take in each other's flyers or deliveries in the event of vacations or absences for more than a day.
- Immediately report suspicious persons in the building to the police and the housing office. DO NOT confront them yourself.
- Never answer personal questions on the telephone in calls that you did not place.
- Never divulge that you live alone or admit that you are alone.
- In a residential community, screaming may sound like horseplay. In an emergency, be specific by shouting "Help!", "Police!", or "Fire!"
- In all activities, use common sense and be conscious of your surroundings. Know your neighbors, do not ignore hazardous situations, and do not create them for others.

Outside Residence:

- When returning to your home late in the evening, use the main property entrance or commonly used walkways, if possible. Call the Campus Escort Service/Student Patrol if you feel unsafe walking by yourself: (972) 883-2222.
- Stay in well-lit areas. Walk midpoint between curbs and buildings, staying away from alleys, entries, and bushes.
- Stay near people. Avoid shortcuts through parks, vacant lots, and other deserted places.
- Walk with someone whenever possible. Participate in buddy systems or use the Campus Escort Service/Student Patrol if you are walking somewhere after dark.
- Immediately report suspicious persons loitering around the property to the police and the University Village/University Commons office. DO NOT confront them yourself.
- Do not stop to give directions or other information to strangers.
- Never hitchhike.
- If you are followed, be aware of your surroundings and of the people around you. Keep looking behind you to discourage the follower. Call the police.
- If someone is following you on foot, cross the street, change directions, or vary your pace. Call the police.

- If someone follows you by car, turn around and walk in the opposite direction. If the person persists, record the license number and call the police.
- Keep purses and bags close to your body. This will minimize the chances of theft. If your bag is snatched, do not fight. Turn it over rather than risk personal injury. Report the incident as soon as possible.
- Carry only necessary credit cards and money.
- Report any malfunctioning or burned out lights to the University Housing office.

Using your Vehicle:

- Check the backseat before getting into your car.
- Lock your car doors while driving. Lock your car doors and roll up your windows when leaving your car parked.
- Accessories such as cell phones, stereos, laptops, gaming systems, and MP3 players are prime targets for thieves. Do not leave valuable items in full view – including CD's, wrapped packages, briefcases, or purses.
- Do not leave your keys in your car.
- Carry your keys in your hand while walking to your vehicle – this will facilitate quick entrance to the vehicle.
- If you park on the street, park near a street light.
- If you suspect danger, do not stop at remote, non-crowded locations, or ATMs. Always proceed to the most populated, well-lit area. If you need to use an ATM, try to use the ATM located in the Student Union.

In the Classroom, Laboratory, or Office:

- Avoid working or studying alone in a building at night. Have a buddy available for emergencies.
- Avoid using stairs in remote sections of a building.
- Keep personal belongings in view.
- Never prop doors open, especially fire doors, even for a short period of time.
- Call the [UTD Police](#) at (972) 883-2222 to report suspicious behavior. Remember the person's appearance so you can relay it to the dispatcher.

University Housing cannot guarantee or assure your personal safety and security while residing on campus. It is the student's responsibility to report acts of mischief or criminal activity in the community to University Police immediately. The provision of safety devices, locks, card access and University Police services does not constitute a guarantee of their effectiveness. Please exercise caution at all times when on campus and around your housing unit.

EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

The [Federal Emergency Management Association](#) (FEMA) recommends each family/home to keep the following items readily available in case of severe weather, fire, or other emergency.

Disaster Supply Kit:

- Water – one gallon per person per day for at least three days
- Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- NOAA Weather Radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries

- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask
- Moist towelettes, feminine hygiene items, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with charger, inverter, or solar charger
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Important documents stored in a waterproof, portable container
- Emergency reference materials, such as a first aid book
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing, including cool-weather clothing
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper to use as a disinfectant. See instructions, [here](#).
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels, plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil

SEXUAL HARASSMENT / ASSAULT

The University of Texas at Dallas is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination and harassment based on sex in accordance with federal and state laws, including [Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972](#), a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities.

UT Dallas's [Prohibited Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) prohibits all forms of sex-based discrimination and sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, and/or dating violence. The University's commitment to equal opportunity extends its nondiscrimination protections to include sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. Retaliation against any individual who submits a report, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in the investigation or disciplinary process under the rule is prohibited.

For information regarding the disciplinary process that may occur after an investigation is completed, see the rule applicable to the respondent: the [Student Code of Conduct](#), [Discipline and Dismissal of Classified Employees Policy](#), or [University Policy on Faculty Conduct](#).

Contact Information:

utdallas.edu/titleix

Title IX Coordinator

Brandy Davis, JD

Director, Title IX Initiatives

brandy.davis@utdallas.edu

TitleIXCoordinator@utdallas.edu

972-883-5202

Additional Resources:

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual harassment or assault, or has witnessed sexual assault or harassment, here are some additional resources:

Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center:

(972) 641-7273

<http://www.dallasrapecrisis.org/>

UT Dallas Police Silent Witness Report Form:

<http://www.utdallas.edu/police/silentwitness.html>

Student Counseling Center Sexual Assault Recovery:

972-883-2575 (24-hour Student Counseling Center general number)

<http://www.utdallas.edu/counseling/sexualassault/>

Student Services Building (SSB) 4.600

SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES & MOTORIZED PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION DEVICES

The safety and welfare of the campus community is our priority. Skateboards, longboards, razor scooters, and in-line skates must be operated as a means of transportation, under control at all times. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way on campus. The use of skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, and bicycles inside University facilities or in unauthorized outdoor areas is prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in confiscation of the equipment and disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

Motorized scooters or motorized personal transportation devices are prohibited from being driven on University sidewalks, streets, parking lots or parking structures unless authorized by the Office of Student AccessAbility or Office of Human Resources as a reasonable accommodation required by the Americans with Disabilities Act or other federal law.

Motorized scooters or motorized personal transportation devices, including hover boards, are two-wheeled devices designed for transporting one person with a deck designed to allow a person to stand or sit, and are propelled by an electric or gas motor. Motor-assisted bicycles are not included in this rule.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors are tested prior to move-in to ensure they are working properly. Residents are responsible for ensuring that their smoke detectors continue to work properly. Test the detectors on a monthly basis. Contact the appropriate University Housing office immediately if a smoke detector starts “chirping”, or if it is not working properly.

Do not disable smoke detectors. **Disabling a smoke detector or removing working batteries is a misdemeanor offense** and violators are not only subject to fines and disciplinary procedures ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) but also legal prosecution and eviction.

SMOKING & TOBACCO

Tobacco Free Policy - UTDBP3089

[On June 1, 2017](#), the entire UT Dallas campus became tobacco-free.

The use of tobacco products (*cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes, hookahs, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic nicotine delivery systems, etc.*) is prohibited everywhere on University property in order to create a healthier work, research and learning environment.

Please review the online [Tobacco Free Policy](#) for more information.

SOLICITING

No advertising, recruiting, campaigning, selling, or commercial soliciting is permitted in University Housing. If you encounter a solicitor, please inform them of this rule, then immediately notify the [UTD Police](#) at (972) 883-2222. Never purchase anything from a solicitor or let anyone into your home. Distribution of Housing/University-related materials by Housing/University staff **is** allowed.

SPECIAL AGREEMENTS

University Housing maintains the right to designate units at its discretion for approved non-students, faculty, visiting scholars, clubs/programs, or other affiliates of the University.

SPORT COURTS

There are several sport courts located throughout University Housing. The courts are for the use of residents and their guests. Below are the rules for the sport courts:

- Hours are from 10 am – 10 pm. No one will be allowed on the court outside of these hours.
- These courts are for use by University Housing residents and their guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times.
- Courts cannot be reserved but can be utilized on a first-come first-served basis.
- There should be no more than four people on the tennis courts at any given time. No more than 10 people should be on the basketball court at any given time. No more than 12 people should be on the multiuse court at any given time.
- Proper workout attire and court shoes are required.
- No smoking, food, drinks, or pets are permitted on the courts.
- Any misuse of a sport court facility will result in the loss of sport courts privileges.
- Rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, and motorized vehicles are not permitted on the courts.
- Any activity on the court outside of its intended use must be approved in advance by University Housing staff.

Failure to abide by these rules is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and may be cause for disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

STREET/ROAD & TRAFFIC SIGNS

All pedestrians, drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, unicyclists, skate/long boarders, and scooter riders must comply with traffic signs.

Street/road signs are considered the property of the respective government agencies, and any inappropriate removal or possession by unauthorized individuals may result in judicial or legal action. Individuals possessing street/road signs may be requested to provide proof of ownership.

THREATENING BEHAVIOR / VIOLENCE & ABUSE

Any conduct that endangers the health or safety of another; including but not limited to physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment and coercion is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Stalking and conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear of bodily harm on an offense against property is also prohibited and will not be tolerated. Conduct that threatens the health and safety of any person may result in fines and possible termination of housing contract/privileges, UTD disciplinary action, and possible legal action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#)) You are responsible for reporting abuse to the appropriate campus authorities.

If you become aware of a threat of violence, notify the [UTD Police](#) at 972-883-2222 or call 9-1-1 immediately.

- The first step in personal safety is to maintain awareness of the situation and environment around you.
- Be prepared to take appropriate action if a threat presents itself.
- Evacuate the area, whether inside or outside a building, if you know that it is safe to do so.
- Seek shelter in a nearby building if the threat is outside a campus building.
- If a threat presents itself, seek cover and barricade yourself and others by placing as much material as possible between you and the threat.
- To make the area appear unoccupied:
 - Remain quiet
 - Turn off lights
 - Silence cell phones
- As soon as it is safe to do so, notify the UTD Police at 972-883-2222 or call 9-1-1.
- Do not approach emergency responders; let them come to you.
- Remain under cover until the threat has passed or you have been advised by law enforcement that it is safe to exit.

TRASH & RECYCLING AREAS

All refuse should be bagged and placed in an appropriate trash or recycling dumpster outside of your building. This will help to keep the container areas clean and prevent ant, bug, fly, and rodent infestations as well as reduce the likelihood of unpleasant odors. Do not put hot ashes, hot coals, paint, chemicals, motor oil, or other hazardous waste in the containers.

Trash should not be left in the apartment, suite, breezeways, hallways, or other common areas. Please help our custodial staff by ensuring your trash is disposed of properly (completely in the dumpster). We recommend that you dispose of your household trash at minimum three times per week, and preferably daily. We have the right to impose reasonable fines for the violation of these provisions, as well as for any littering by you or your guests. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

University Housing offers several trash and recycling compactors and eight recycling containers. Please see the maps below for all locations. Call the appropriate University Housing office with questions about special disposals (bulk trash, hazardous waste disposal, etc.).

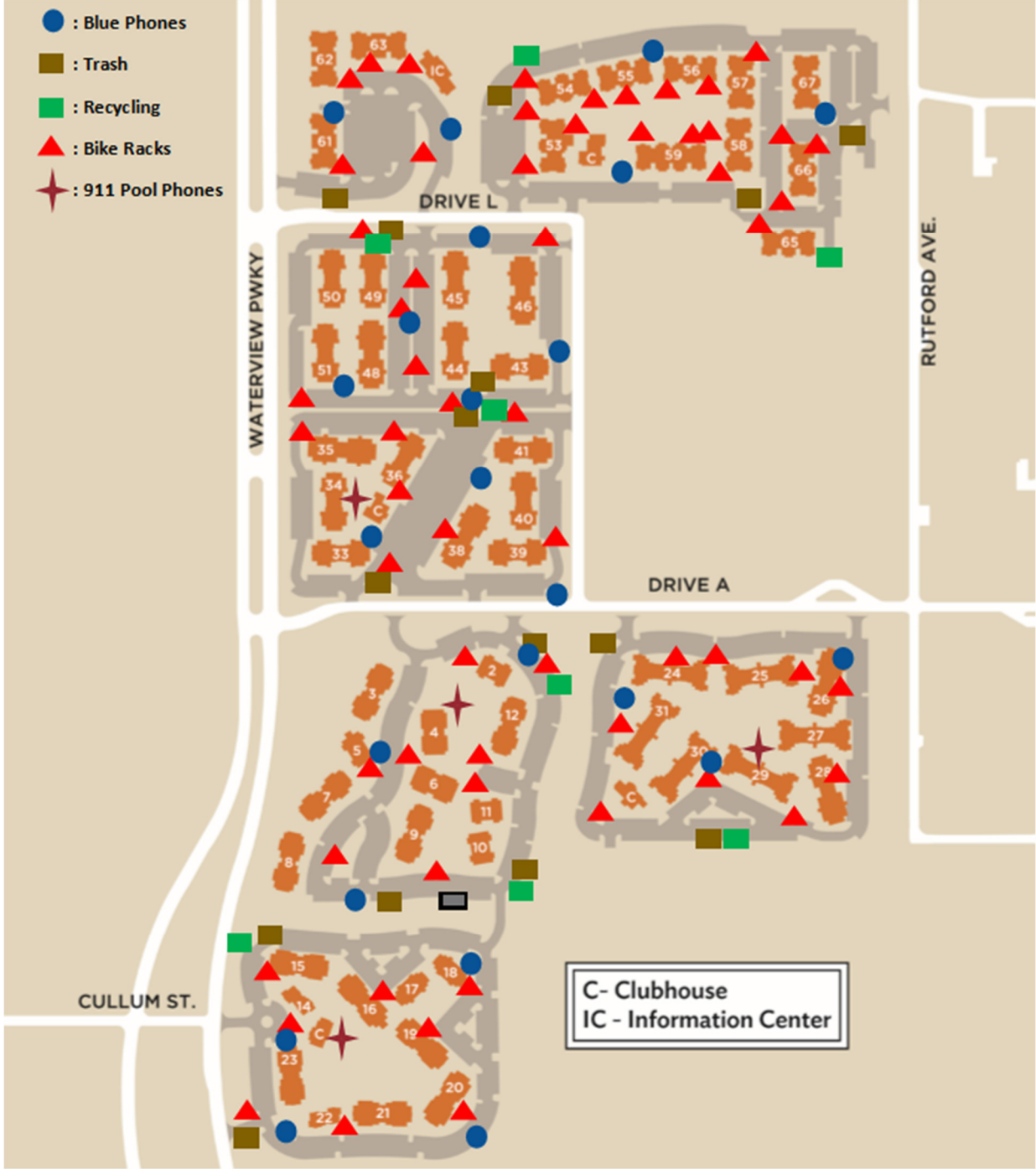
The following items are recyclable:

- Rinse these with water & remove the lids or caps:
 - Aluminum & steel cans
 - Aluminum foil
 - Metal cans
 - Plastic cups & bottles
 - Plastics # 1-7
- Put these in a bag so they do not get wet:
 - Junk mail
 - Magazines
 - Newspaper
 - Office paper
 - Phone books
 - File folders
- Flatten these and then place in the recycle bin:
 - Cardboard
 - Cereal & cracker boxes

Canyon Creek Heights Trash and Recycling areas:



University Village Trash and Recycling areas:



University Commons Trash and Recycling areas:



UNIVERSITY STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All University Housing residents are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the educational function of the University. All students are expected to know and comply with the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Allegations of Student Code of Conduct violations may be referred to the [Office of Community Standards and Conduct](#).

UT DALLAS HELPFUL NUMBERS

- Admissions (972) 883-2270
- Bursar – Cashier (972) 883-2612
- Campus Operator (972) 883-2111
- Career Center & Student Employment (972) 883-2943
- Computing Help Desk (972) 883-2911
- Dean of Students (972) 883-6391
- Financial Aid (972) 883-2941
- Health Center (972) 883-2747
- International Student Services (972) 883-4189
- Leadership (972) 883-2242
- Multicultural Center (972) 883-6390
- New Student Programs (972) 883-6171
(Orientation, Comet Camp, UTD Success Camp)
- Orientation Team (972) 883-6171
- Parking & Transportation (972) 883-2344
- Police Department (on-campus) (972) 883-2222
- Registrar’s Office (972) 883-2342
- Residential Life (Housing) (972) 883-7430
- Student AccessAbility Services (972) 883-2098
- Student Counseling Center (972) 883-2575
- Student Leadership Programs (972) 883-6159
- Student Organization Center (972) 883-6551
- Veteran’s Center (972) 883-4913
- Wellness Center (972) 883-4275

UTILITIES

All utilities are included in the rent for all University Housing residents.

All utilities include: electricity, water, trash, sewer, TV, and internet.

VACANT BEDROOMS

Residents are not allowed to occupy or reside inside any vacant bedrooms within their apartment or suite. Additional rent will be charged at the current market rate if any vacant bedrooms are found to be in use without prior written authorization. It is the resident’s responsibility to immediately report any vacant unlocked bedroom(s) to the appropriate University Housing office. Residents who do not follow the rule may be subject to disciplinary action. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

VENDING MACHINES

Vending machines are located at the University Village Clubhouse/pool areas and in University Commons's laundry facilities. Should money be lost in one of the machines, report the loss to Vending Services at vending@utdallas.edu or at (972) 883-6264.

Please note, some vending machines in the facilities take credit cards (in addition to cash and coins).

VISITATION/OVERNIGHT GUEST RULES

A guest is defined as an individual who is not an assigned resident of the particular bedroom, suite, or apartment he/she is visiting. Residents and their guests are expected to conduct themselves in a considerate manner with regard to the rights and needs of suitemates, apartment mates, and other residents. Non-resident guests, both those living in other on-campus facilities or off-campus, must be escorted at all times and must abide by the policies contained in this Handbook. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times. Violators of these rules may receive disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))

Visitation hours are Sunday – Thursday, 9 am – Midnight and Friday & Saturday, 9 am – 2 am. There should be no more than double the maximum occupancy in an apartment or suite at any time. The maximum occupancy is as follows:

University Village:

- 1 Bedroom Unit: 2 residents
- 2 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents
- 3 Bedroom Unit: 3 residents
- 4 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents

Canyon Creek Heights

- 1 Bedroom Unit: 1 resident
- 2 Bedroom Private Unit: 2 residents
- 2 Bedroom Shared Unit: 4 residents
- 4 Bedroom Unit: 4 residents

University Commons

- 3 Bedroom Unit: 3 residents

Overnight guests are allowed only with the approval of all of your roommates, and only one overnight guest per suite/apartment will be allowed at any given time.

- All University Commons overnight guests must be registered with the front desk of the resident's respective building before visitation hours end. All University Village overnight guests must be registered with the University Housing Office before 7 pm. All Canyon Creek Heights overnight guests must be registered while the front desk is still open. All overnight guests will be required to show a valid government issued ID.
- An overnight guest is someone who stays later than visitation hours (past Midnight Sunday – Thursday, and past 2:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights).
- Residents are allowed an overnight guest in their suite/apartment a maximum of two nights per month. These visits can be either two consecutive nights or in two one-night

increments. Visits may not be longer than two consecutive nights. Guests may not move from one room to another to extend their stay.

- No one under 18 years of age will be allowed to be an overnight guest of a resident.
- No access card or key will be provided for the overnight guest. ([Student Code of Conduct, Subchapter C, Sections 49.10.](#))
- Residents must escort their guests at all times. Guests found without an escort, even in the unit, will be asked to leave the facility or property immediately. Failure to follow this prescribed rule will result in disciplinary action for the resident of the facility, and possibly the overnight guest, if the guest is a student.
- University Housing reserves the right to revoke a resident's guest and visitation privileges.

VISITOR PARKING

Visitors to University Housing needing to park a vehicle must obtain a visitor parking pass from the University Parking Office. Visitor parking passes will expire after date noted on the pass. The University Housing resident and guest must come to the parking office together to obtain the pass. Each person will need to present photo identification to obtain the pass.

For information on parking enforcement, please visit [Parking's website](#).

WATERBEDS

Waterbeds are not permitted in any area of University Housing due to safety and maintenance concerns.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Dallas is no stranger to severe weather. Our severe weather season typically runs from March – July, but it can occur at any time throughout the year. Severe weather can include tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, high winds, hail, and flooding. Below is important information regarding storm preparation and planning.

University officials will keep the campus community updated with important information during a severe weather emergency. Information will be posted on [UTD's home page](#) and sent via text message and email through [UTDAlert](#). You may also call the UTD Police Department at (972) 883-2222 for information. Only call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies.

WATCH VS WARNING

A **watch** means that conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. Keep an eye on the weather and be prepared to take action. Tune in to media for updates.

A **warning** means that severe weather is imminent or occurring. Seek shelter indoors immediately. Tune in to media for up-to-date information.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

The City of Richardson and UT Dallas will activate the Outdoor Warning Sirens in the event of severe weather or other emergencies that require people to seek immediate shelter indoors. **When you hear the sirens, go indoors immediately and listen for instructions from campus officials.** The sirens are not just for tornados. They may be activated for the following emergencies:

- When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or a severe thunderstorm warning with winds above 70 miles per hour for the Richardson area.

- When trained storm spotters report a tornado with the potential to affect Richardson.
- When hail of 1.25 inches in diameter (half-dollar sized) or greater is imminent.
- When deemed necessary by UTD or City of Richardson officials (i.e.: in the event of any emergency which requires citizens to move indoors for their safety).

When the sirens are activated, do not call 9-1-1. They are already aware that the sirens are going off. Keep the phone lines open for true life-threatening emergencies.

Note: The outdoor warning sirens are tested the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon.

SEVERE WEATHER PREPARATION

Severe weather can occur with little to no warning. It is important to know what to do if the weather forecast predicts that severe weather may be possible.

- [Develop a severe weather plan](#) – know where you and your roommates will go if a severe weather warning is issued. **Residents in University Village should consider getting to know a first-floor neighbor to develop a plan to shelter in their apartment.**
- Purchase a battery operated weather radio. Communication lines may go down during severe weather leaving you without access to television, internet, or cell phones. The National Weather Service will broadcast important weather information over the radio.
- Put together a [disaster kit](#). (See “DISASTER SUPPLY KITS” for more information.)

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER PLAN (UNIVERSITY COMMONS AND CANYON CREEK HEIGHTS)

In the event of a severe weather emergency, you will hear an Outdoor Warning System Siren, as well as a spoken message inside the residence halls (also known as the Indoor Warning System). The Indoor Warning System will give you more information about the impending threat. Follow the instructions below to take shelter, depending on which floor you live on.

1st floor	Shelter in place (toilet/shower rooms with door closed)
2nd floor	Shelter in place (toilet/shower rooms with door closed)
3rd floor	Proceed downstairs (<u>do not use elevators</u>) and shelter in the interior hallways of the 1 st floor away from exterior doors/windows
4th floor	Proceed downstairs (<u>do not use elevators</u>) and shelter in the interior hallways of the 2 nd floor away from exterior doors/windows
5th floor	Proceed downstairs (<u>do not use elevators</u>) and shelter in the interior hallways of the 2 nd floor away from exterior doors/windows

Other areas that are designated as severe weather shelter areas are marked with signage throughout the buildings. For example, interior stairwells and restrooms are designated shelter areas.

TORNADOES

Dallas is located in Tornado Alley, an area of the United States that is most prone to tornadoes. Although most tornadoes happen between March and June, tornadoes can occur any time of year. In fact, Dallas experienced a tornado outbreak in December, 2015 which killed 11 people.

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that can cause fatalities and destroy neighborhoods. Tornadoes extend from thunderstorm clouds to the ground with winds that can reach 300 miles

per hour. Some tornadoes are clearly visible, while others are obscured by rain or low-hanging clouds. Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible.

Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. A cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

Tornado Emergencies

- **If a tornado warning is issued, seek shelter indoors immediately.** The best place to go is an interior room with no windows on the lowest level of a building. A restroom or hallway might offer the best protection. Several campus buildings offer Severe Weather Shelter Areas marked by signs. University Village residents should consider getting to know a first-floor neighbor to develop a plan to shelter in their apartment.
- Listen for instructions from campus officials.
- Crouch or lay down and cover your neck and head with your arms. If possible, cover yourself with a mattress, blanket, or other object to protect yourself from flying debris.
- Monitor the weather using a weather radio, cellphone, or television.
- **DO NOT GO OUTSIDE TO CHECK ON CONDITIONS.** Stay sheltered until the threat has passed or University officials give an all-clear via UTDAAlert.
- If you are outside with no access to any indoor shelter, find a ditch, and lie face down with your hands covering your head. Be careful that the ditch is not in danger of flooding.
- If no ditch is available, lie face down away from trees, cars, or other objects and cover your head. Do NOT go under a bridge – contrary to popular opinion, going under a bridge is one of the worst places to go during a tornado.
- If driving, do not try to outrun a tornado. Leave your vehicle immediately and try to find shelter.

Severe Thunderstorm Emergencies

- **If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued, seek shelter indoors immediately.** The best place to go is an interior room with no windows on the lowest level of a building. A restroom or hallway might offer the best protection. Several campus buildings offer Severe Weather Shelter Areas marked by signs. University Village residents should consider getting to know a first-floor neighbor to develop a plan to shelter in their apartment.
- Listen for instructions from campus officials. Monitor media for up-to-date information.
- Unplug electronics, including computers and phones. Power surges from lightning can cause severe damage to electronics. (Electronics not connected to wall outlets are okay to use.)
- Avoid contact with water: do not wash your hands, do not take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.
- Avoid contact with anything metal – tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, golf clubs, and bicycles.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.
- If caught outdoors, avoid hilltops, open fields, and water.

FLOODING/FLASH FLOODS

More deaths occur due to flooding than any other natural disaster. Some floods develop slowly, while others, such as flash floods, can develop in just a few minutes and without visible signs of rain. It is never safe to walk or drive through flooded areas. It only takes six inches of fast-moving water to knock over an adult, and 12 inches of moving water can sweep away a car. Remember, if it is flooded, Turn Around, Don't Drown®!

Be aware of flood hazards no matter where you live or work, but especially if you are in low-lying areas, near water, behind a levee, or downstream from a dam. Even very small streams, gullies, creeks, culverts, dry streambeds, or low-lying ground that appear harmless in dry weather can flood.

EXTREME HEAT

Dallas summers are hot. The average summer is 94°F, and it is not uncommon to have several weeks of consecutive 100°F+ temperatures. Residents should be prepared and know what to do when extreme heat is in the forecast.

A **heat advisory** means extremely dangerous heat conditions (daytime highs 100-105°F) are forecasted. Take precautions to avoid heat illnesses!

An **excessive heat warning** means extremely dangerous heat conditions (daytime highs 105-110°F) are forecasted. Take precautions to avoid heat illnesses!

The **heat index** is a measure of how hot it really feels when relative humidity is factored in with the air temperature. For example, if the air temperature is 96°F, and the relative humidity is 65%, the heat index is 121°F.

Heat Emergencies

- Stay indoors and limit exposure to the sun. Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine.
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals. Limit alcohol intake.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothing that covers skin as much as possible. Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors, particularly the elderly.
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles. Bring pets inside and ensure they have plenty of water and are cool.

WINTER WEATHER:

Ice storms & freezing rain are the most common types of winter weather in Dallas. When rain hits a surface that is below 32°F, it creates a layer of ice, resulting in extremely hazardous conditions on roads and walkways.

Sleet is little pellets of frozen precipitation that look like hail. It causes slippery surfaces that make transportation difficult.

Snow rarely hits Dallas, but when it does, it can create dangerous travel conditions.

Wind chill is how cold the temperature *feels*, as opposed to the actual air temperature. For example, if the air temperature is 0°F, and the wind is blowing at 15 miles per hour, the temperature feels like -19°F! Frostbite can occur within 30 minutes at this wind chill.

Winter Weather Emergencies

- If winter weather is forecasted, try to stay inside. If you go outside, wear winter clothing to prevent frostbite and hypothermia. Walk carefully on slick walkways.

- **Do not drive.** Winter weather causes slick roads and hazardous conditions. Stay home and avoid the risk of a car accident. If you must drive, drive slowly and do not attempt to make quick stops. Take extra time to get to your destination. Bring extra winter clothing with you in case you are in an accident. Make sure to have your cell phone in case you need to call for help. (We **strongly** urge you not to drive during winter weather. Dallas is not a winter-friendly city, and even if you think you can drive in poor conditions, it is much safer to stay home and wait for the storm to pass.)
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack —a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- Ice storms often cause power outages because ice can snap the power lines. Do not use candles or items with an open flame during a power outage. Use flashlights or other artificial light sources, instead. Keep doors shut to retain heat.
- **Frostbite** occurs when body tissue freezes. Symptoms include a loss of feeling in the extremity and a white or pale appearance. **Get medical attention immediately.**
- **Hypothermia can be fatal.** Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and exhaustion. **Seek immediate medical attention.**

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- [UTD's Office of Emergency Management](#)
- [The National Weather Service](#)
- [ready.gov](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

WELLNESS CHECK

A wellness check may be performed by the UTD Police in conjunction with University Housing if there is cause for concern for the welfare of a resident. If you have concern for a University Housing resident, please contact the UT Dallas Police Department.

UT Dallas Police Department	(972) 883-2222
UTD-TALK After Hours Counseling	(972) 883-8255
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
UT Dallas Counseling Center	(972) 883-2575

WINDOW TREATMENTS

To preserve the uniform appearance of the community, the following guidelines are enforced:

- All window coverings must show white when viewed from the building exterior.
- Drapes and other window coverings are permitted if they are installed in a manner that does not alter the present appearance of University Housing's building exterior. All window and door blinds visible from the exterior must be those provided by University Housing.
- Aluminum foil or similar coverings are not permitted on windows or on sliding glass doors.
- Banners and flags are prohibited.

You and your guests are required to comply with all of the requirements set forth in this handbook as well as those listed in the University Housing Terms and Conditions. We have a right to make changes from time to time as we deem necessary. Any changes to these rules will be effective and a part of the University Housing Terms and Conditions once they have been delivered to you or posted in a public area of the community.