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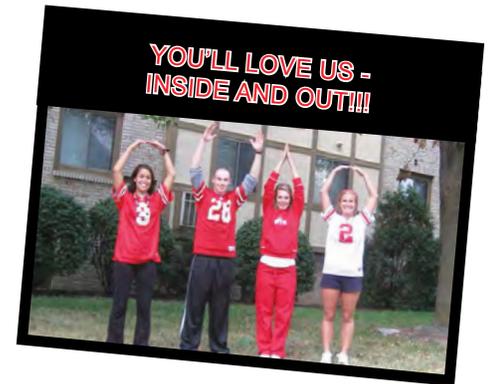
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This *Off-Campus Living Guide* is designed to outline the steps you need to take, as well as the resources available to you, to help ensure that you have a positive off-campus living experience. Living off campus—whether it's a short walk to Ohio State (the University District) or driving distance—doesn't mean you should be any less involved with campus activities and organizations. We strongly urge all students to stay involved throughout their entire college career.

NSC works with students, permanent residents, local area landlords, university officials, local municipal representatives, and various other community stakeholders to promote a positive quality of life in the University District and Columbus areas. NSC works towards educating students on the basics of off-campus living, important life skills, how to stay safe, party smart, be involved, and be a positive neighbor and community member.

Utilize this *Off-Campus Living Guide* to answer many of your off-campus housing questions, to learn how the university and city are here to support you, and to understand your rights and responsibilities as an off-campus resident.

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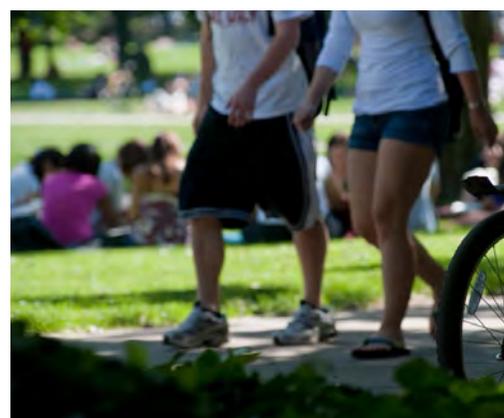
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Neighborhood Services and Collaboration

Student Life's Neighborhood Services and Collaboration (NSC) oversees and supports various programs/initiatives with the mission to improve the quality of life for those living in and around the University District/Columbus areas. NSC engages students, landlords, businesses, city officials, and university personnel to be actively involved in addressing the unique concerns of this diverse community. NSC believes knowledge is key, working to educate students and providing the necessary tools to promote a positive off-campus living experience. Regardless of where students choose to live, NSC works to keep you safe, engaged, and informed.

Online Services

Off-campus housing search

Neighborhood Services and Collaboration works closely with local area landlords to better serve the Ohio State community. Landlords post their rental property information on the online housing search, found at offcampus.osu.edu. Please keep in mind that landlords and/or properties displayed on this online housing search are not university endorsed/approved. NSC simply serves as a resource center, providing information to assist students, faculty, and staff in

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locating off-campus housing. In addition, NSC works to educate students on the ins and outs of living off campus. Providing students with tips and tools to find the most suitable place is essential.

Off-campus roommate search

NSC offers a central platform to assist Ohio State affiliates in their off-campus roommate search. This online roommate search requires a university username and password to protect the privacy of its users. Users may browse the online roommate search as well as post a roommate ad. Roommate ads allow individuals to describe not only the type of housing they have (or are seeking), but also the type of roommate(s) they are seeking.

Off-campus sublet search

Assisting students in subleasing their vacant apartment/house is another service provided through NSC. Students who are looking to find others to take over their lease have the option of posting an online sublet ad, which will then be displayed on the off-campus housing search.

Neighborhood Services and Collaboration continued

Events for Students

Off-Campus Housing Fair

The annual Off-Campus Housing Fair is a great opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to experience a one-stop-shop, which allows individuals to gather information from landlords, businesses, various Ohio State departments, and other off-campus entities in order to make an informed decision regarding

off-campus living arrangements. In addition, a number of generous vendors sponsor great prizes for the raffle. The 2013 Off-Campus Housing Fair will be held November 21 and November 22 in the Performance Hall of the Ohio Union from noon to 5 p.m. each day.



Off-Campus Housing Fair

Roommate fairs

NSC holds at least one roommate fair each semester. The roommate fair provides students the opportunity to meet with potential roommates face-to-face in a safe environment. Roommate fairs are typically held on Friday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. Check out the NSC online calendar for future dates.

City Parking Permit sales

Not all landlords offer off-street parking, and many streets require you to have a City Parking Permit. The City of Columbus sells these permits at the Neighborhood Services and Collaboration office at the beginning of each academic year. Stop by 3106 Ohio Union while the City is on campus to purchase your City Parking Permit. Please remember, you must bring your current vehicle registration (be sure the license plate number is on your registration) along with proof of residency. Call 614-645-6400 with any questions.

Around the Neighborhood

Outreach

NSC believes in building strong relationships with our community members. Working closely with the



Columbus Police Department and Fire Department, Ohio State Police, landlords, permanent residents, and local area businesses is a vital aspect of being part of

this community. NSC is heavily involved in community meetings, organizations, and initiatives to ensure students and community partners are engaged and connected. Being a good neighbor and a responsible citizen are important aspects of being a Buckeye!

Safety

NSC works hard to make sure students stay safe and party smart. From providing free window/door alarms, free safety timers for your lights, electronics, etc., to monitoring the off-campus neighborhoods, NSC is here to support you. NSC senior director Willie Young can be found walking and driving the University District neighborhoods on Friday and Saturday nights



building positive relationships with our off-campus students and offering advice on any safety concerns he may see along the way. An added bonus—

if you're a trivia buff, Willie Young is your man! He loves challenging students with his vast array of trivia knowledge. ✿

Along with NSC, there are many Student Life offices that work to support you during your off-campus living experience.

Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement

Student Life's Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement (OCCSE) helps off-campus and commuter students build stronger connections to their neighborhood community and to campus. OCCSE focuses on building community through the Community Ambassador and Commuter Liaison programs.



Do you live in the University District?

The Community Ambassador program is a student-led initiative through OCCSE aimed at promoting a safer, more collaborative community in the University District. Community Ambassadors (CAs) act as a resource and a point of contact for students living on their street. As a group, CAs plan activities throughout the year for the greater campus community. These activities engage both individual streets and the entire off-campus area and are aimed at creating a stronger off-campus community. To find the CA for your neighborhood, visit offcampus.osu.edu.



Upcoming community events

Off-campus community cookouts

Community Ambassadors host street cookouts where neighborhood residents can meet and get to know your neighbors. Check offcampus.osu.edu for the date and time of your neighborhood cookout.

“Tostoberfest” cornhole tournament

This is the event you need to attend if you have mad cornhole skills. With well over 100 teams, winners not only get bragging rights, but prizes in the past have included large televisions for each team member!

Light Up the Night kick-off and competition

Students decorate their apartments and houses for the holiday season, celebrate at the kick-off event, and compete for big prizes.



Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement continued

Cooking “Class-ic”

A fun event in the Ohio Union Instructional Kitchen where a professional chef instructs students on how to cook a fabulous meal. Attendees cook alongside the chef and get to enjoy the fruits of their labor at the end!

Buckeye Block Watch Bash

This interactive and hands-on Buckeye Block Watch safety fair helps you learn how to keep yourself and your neighbors safe from crime and accidents, as well as ways to be healthier. Free food, prizes, and other stuff.



Do you drive to campus?

The mission of the Commuter Liaison program is to enhance the commuter student experience at Ohio State. Commuters are defined as students who do not live in university-managed housing and essentially live beyond walking distance. Commuter Liaisons (CLs) build community among commuter students and promote commuter student success by hosting programs, advocating for commuter needs, and acting as a resource for students.

Upcoming commuter events

Good Morning, Commuters

Meet your CLs at the West Campus parking lot and start your morning off with snacks such as hot chocolate or bagels.

Commuter lunches

Bring your lunch to meet other commuter students and to participate in fun activities in the Ohio Union.

Swag CABS

CLs may run into you on a CABS bus and hand out free swag from Student Life for knowing facts about commuting to Ohio State.

Commuter cookout

Commuter students can meet other commuters, grab food, learn about changing tires and road safety, and try to win car tool kits!

Commuter Services

Commuter Preview Day

Commuter students can take the opportunity to adjust to campus before autumn semester begins in an orientation-like program.

Commuter kitchen

The commuter kitchen, located on the third floor of the Ohio Union, is a convenient place to store your food while on campus. It includes refrigerators, microwaves, a sink with garbage disposal, and cabinets.

Commuter lockers

Commuting students can reserve a locker, located in the Ohio Union or Younkin Success Center, starting the first day of classes each session. Lockers are free—OCCSE provides the lock—and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. ✨

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Each of the distinct areas of Columbus offers unique attractions, building the identity of central Ohio. The Columbus Zoo and Easton Town Center bring families to the northern suburbs of Columbus, while the Ohio State Fair, Park Street Festival, and Comfest attract people to diverse downtown areas like Goodale Park and the Arena District.

High Street, which runs north and south, serves as the eastern border of campus and offers an abundant variety of stores, restaurants, bars, and bookstores—an active area full of students.

Also check out the following areas that are popular among the university population:

The University District

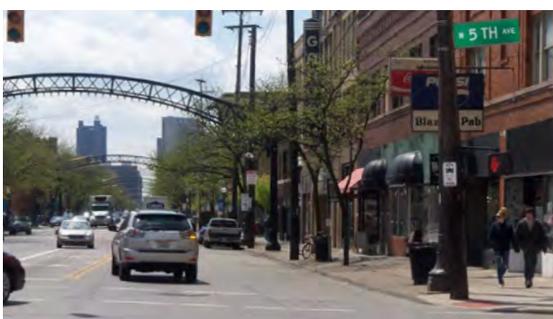
The University District is the area directly surrounding Ohio State's Columbus campus, considered to be within walking distance. Here, you will find a large population of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as a smaller population of longer-term residents.



The University District is made up of apartment buildings; large, older homes (often divided into apartments); and townhomes. There are many nearby dining establishments—from fast food to casual sit-down restaurants—as well as entertainment venues, including bars, movie theaters, and concert halls. The University District is also the location for fun events hosted by Community Ambassadors, Ohio State students employed through the office of Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement who work towards building community in the off-campus neighborhoods.

Victorian Village/Italian Village

Portions of both Victorian Village, located southwest of campus, and Italian Village, located southeast, are within walking distance to campus; other areas of these communities are a bike ride or a quick bus ride away. Both villages are comprised of older, large, Victorian-style homes, along with apartment buildings and townhomes. There is a large population of Ohio State graduate students and young professionals in these communities, as well as many dining establishments and outdoor festivities, such as Comfest—an annual three-day event held in June in Goodale Park—and the Columbus Italian Festival—a three-day event held each year at the beginning of October.



Short North

The Short North, located south of campus, is an eclectic hub of bars, shops, galleries, boutiques, and apartments that appeal to a diverse population. The Short North is a historic, diverse, urban neighborhood, with many year-round events, such as Gallery Hop (held the first Saturday of every month), the Arnold Classic Sports Festival, and the annual Columbus Gay Pride Festival.

Arena District

Located downtown and southwest of the campus area, the Arena District is a fairly new urban area, easily accessible by COTA. The Arena District is a trendy area, with newer apartment buildings located close to restaurants, shops, and nightlife. You'll find a large population of young professionals in this area.

German Village

German Village, a historic neighborhood south of downtown, is approximately a 10- to 15-minute bus ride from campus. German Village is home to many young professionals and also includes the Brewery District, an area with many restaurants and bars.

Grandview

Approximately a 5- to 10-minute drive from campus, Grandview, located west of Ohio State, is home to many graduate students and young professionals. The community is made up of a combination of homes, duplexes, and apartment buildings, as well as many restaurants and bars. The Grandview Hop occurs the first Saturday of every month, April through November.

Clintonville

Located just north of campus, Clintonville is home to many young professionals and long-term residents. Whetstone Park, a Columbus landmark, is located in Clintonville just west of High Street and features a number of bike trails, tennis courts, and baseball fields, as well as the Park of Roses. During summer, there are a number of events held here, including the Rose Festival and a variety of concerts. ✿



COTA

COTA, the Central Ohio Transit Authority, offers an OSU/COTA bus ridership program. Students with an active BuckID can ride COTA buses an unlimited number of times by swiping their BuckID upon entrance to the bus. Use the TripPRO tool on cota.com for a customized trip itinerary.



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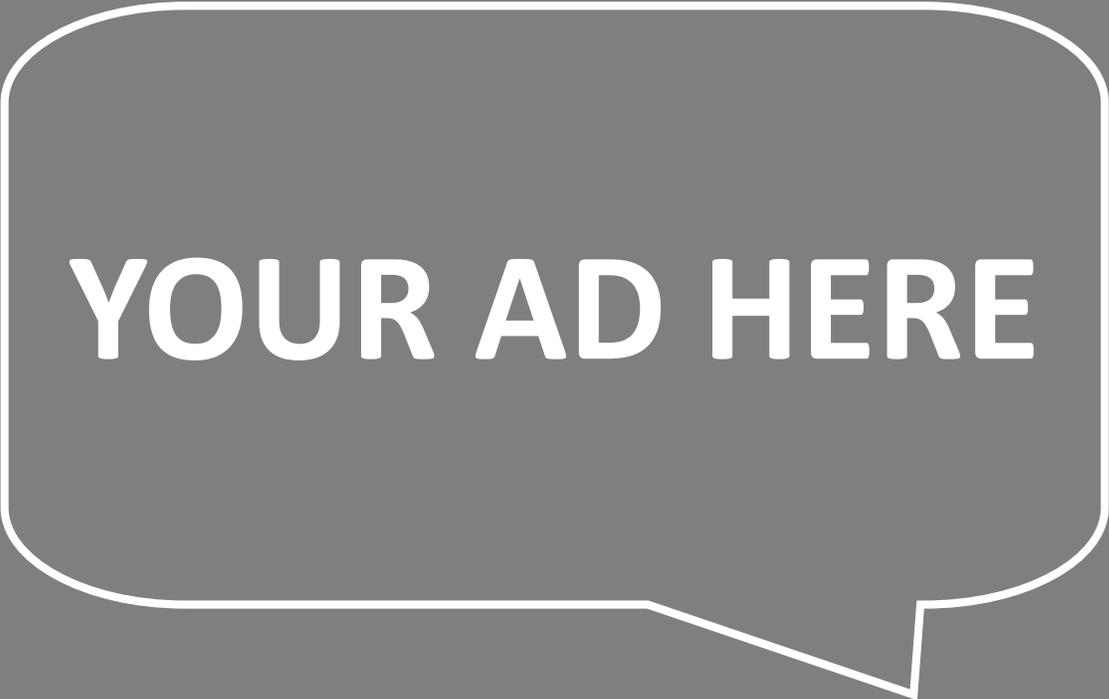
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The Oval

In the middle of a hectic campus, the Oval is a sprawling green space, offering students room for various activities, like the Student Involvement Fair during Welcome Week, and a peaceful refuge for studying (or sun bathing on the weekends). Don't miss this iconic part of campus.

Ohio Stadium

Also known as the Horseshoe, or the 'Shoe, Ohio Stadium is easy to find—just follow the crowds on a Saturday during autumn semester. And cheer on the Buckeyes as they drive down the field for a truly unforgettable student experience!



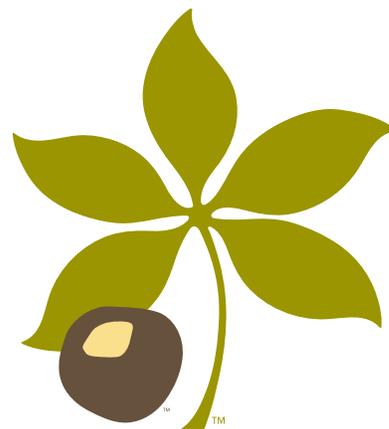
Ohio Stadium

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Thompson Library is the complete student study retreat. Choose books, journals, and other materials from a wide collection, then escape to your own private study space—there are many to choose from! Bring your own laptop and connect to Ohio State's wireless network or use one of the library's 230+ computers. When you need a study break, stop by the Berry Café for a sandwich or salad.



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Ohio Union

Opened in 2010, the Ohio Union has an assortment of food options, stores, and plenty of space to study or meet with fellow students. Looking to get involved with a student organization? The Ohio Union is home to a multitude of student and administrative offices vital to Ohio State life. Be sure to check out NSC and OCCSE in 3106 Ohio Union!



Recreational sports facilities

Ohio State's Columbus campus has five recreational sports facilities with a wide range of amenities. From the Adventure Recreation Center (ARC) to the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC), the university offers state-of-the-art facilities. The RPAC has more than half a million square feet of recreation, meeting, fitness, and aquatic space. Visit any of the five facilities to burn off some calories and stress! ✨



Campus Area Bus Service (CABS)

is operated by Transportation and Traffic Management and provides convenient transportation on and around the Columbus campus. No ID or bus pass is needed to ride on regularly scheduled on-campus CABS buses—just hop on at any of the stops located on campus and throughout the surrounding neighborhood. You can check the bus schedule online at ttm.osu.edu or stop by 3106 Ohio Union to get a CABS bus schedule. You can even text OSUTRIP* [BUS STOP#] to 41411.



Choosing the Right Roommate(s)

“Joint and Several Liability”

This is an important legal term for you to be familiar with. Most leases will have a joint and several liability clause, which essentially means that **you** individually can be held responsible for the **entire** lease amount for the **entire** lease term (as well as for any damages to the property). For example, if you sign an 11½- or 12-month lease and the total monthly rent is \$3,000, you (and your co-signor) can be held responsible for a total of \$36,000. Landlords do not have to bring an action against the tenant who failed to pay the rent or caused the damage; they may go after any tenant/co-signor they choose.

Ultimately, your landlord will see you and all of your roommates as one entity, so choosing your roommate(s) wisely is crucial!



Discussing how to find that perfect rental property is important, but finding a compatible roommate is just as—if not more—important. Take as much time and care in choosing your roommate(s) as you do in choosing where you live.

Your happiness in your living environment is directly related to your relationship with your roommate(s). Personal problems with a roommate can cause unnecessary stress in trying to deal with the conflict. Remember: *friends* are not always the best *roommates*.

In general, living with other people during your off-campus living experience can be fun and exciting. Keep in mind, however, there are many implications that go along with signing a lease with other individuals.

From day one: talk about it

Clear expectations

The best way to present clear expectations is by drafting/signing a roommate contract, and agreeing that each roommate retains a copy. Feel free to utilize Neighborhood Services and Collaboration and/or Student Legal Services to get a sample roommate contract. It is imperative that you and your roommate(s) discuss all items on the roommate contract and come to an agreement. For a sample roommate contract, see pages 61-62 in this *Off-Campus Living Guide*.

Budget

Some students are on a very strict budget, not only paying for tuition on their own, but also living expenses. Often they are working two jobs in addition to attending school full time, in order to make ends meet. Other students may be fortunate enough to have parents/family members who are willing and able to support the student financially throughout college. These types of students may live together off campus and should discuss their financial situations and expectations prior to signing a lease. This can help avoid future conflict when it comes to money issues. If you are concerned with your roommate's ability to pay rent regularly, ask to see a credit report. Offer a copy of your own, in return. A copy of your credit report can be obtained through the Columbus Credit Bureau for a small fee, or by visiting annualcreditreport.com. Finally, implement a monthly budget plan and stick to it!

Unforeseen circumstances

You can't predict everything in life, but you can certainly plan for the future. For example, a roommate may run into financial difficulties and be forced to move out without paying rent. This may leave the financial burden on the remaining roommate(s). Decide how



the household would deal with a situation such as this. In addition, students often plan to study abroad and try to find a replacement roommate. Discuss if the remaining roommates will have a say in the selection of a replacement roommate. Discussing such scenarios can help resolve potential conflict in the future, if expectations are clear from the very beginning.

How the household will deal with conflict

In an ideal world, you and your roommates will get along great, live in pure bliss, and never have disagreements. However, reality is that you will most likely have some level of conflict while living together, whether it is a huge brawl or a minor disagreement. It's nearly impossible to discuss every scenario that may come up during the lease term, but you can discuss in general how conflict will be resolved, if and when it arises. Will the roommates have a house meeting and vote on how to resolve the problem (majority rules)? Will the roommates contact the Student Conduct office to utilize its mediation program? Or will some other agreement be reached? *(continues)*



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Choosing the Right Roommate(s) continued



Discuss the lease term

Although most off-campus leases are 11½- or 12-month leases, many students choose to go home during the summer months. Regardless of whether you are living in the rental property, you are responsible for paying your rent on time. Make sure you and your roommates are aware of one another's summer plans and that you are all in agreement on issues such as:

- Will each roommate be responsible for paying a share of the utilities, even if he/she is not residing in the property?
- If a roommate wants to sublet his/her room (and the landlord permits this), is everyone comfortable

If a roommate wants to sublet his/her room (and the landlord permits this), is everyone comfortable with the arrangement?

with the arrangement? Will the current roommates have a say in selecting the new/temporary roommate?

House rules to consider:

1. Will the household have quiet study hours?
2. Will everyone share the cost of food or shop individually and have a hands-off policy?
3. Will everyone be permitted to have overnight guests (and if so, rules pertaining to that)?
4. Will there be stipulations on what temperature the thermostat can be set at?
5. Will the household have a cleaning schedule?
6. Will everyone be permitted to host parties (and if so, rules pertaining to that)? ✿



The Search for Off-Campus Housing



Now that you are somewhat familiar with the University District and Columbus areas, it's time to begin your housing search. If you are from out of town and will be making a visit to Ohio State, make sure you contact landlords in advance to make appointments to view rental properties. Keep in mind that landlords are required to provide current tenants 24-hours' notice prior to showing the property. Most landlords who own rental property in the University District will not have a model unit that they can show at the spur of the moment.

Once you have set up appointments with various landlords to view rental properties, make sure you are ready for the day(s) of tours. Be prepared to take pictures/notes of both the positive and negative aspects of the property at each of your appointments. This will be very helpful when it comes time to review your options and to make a final decision.

You should consider many things when deciding where you are going to live:

Can I afford this?

This is one of the most important things you need to determine. You do not want to overextend your budget simply because you're attracted to a house with a second-level porch and half bath. Living within your means is key.

You will not only need to consider the cost of rent, but also utilities, renter's insurance, food, books, parking, and various other living expenses. When living off campus, you must keep track of your money and budget

accordingly. It is important to set aside enough money each month for all expenses. Many students receive scholarships or grants, have jobs, and/or receive assistance from family members in order to cover their living costs.

If you plan on using a credit card, make certain you have enough money each month to pay the total balance. In addition, do not fall prey to "free items" you may receive by opening a credit card account. Your credit is much more important than a free t-shirt.

Save a few Bucks

Save money on those winter heating costs by covering the windows with plastic!

Keep cooler in the summer by closing shades, blinds, and curtains during the day— and save on air conditioning bills!

Doing laundry at home? Use the cold water cycle to save money!

Employment

If you are seeking employment to help with your living costs and/or to get involved, the office of Student Financial Aid has an online resource for on- and off-campus job listings, found at sfa.osu.edu/jobs. The Ohio Union also holds an off-campus job fair during Welcome Week each year. Visit ohiounion.osu.edu and studentlife.osu.edu/jobs for more information.

Preparing a budget is a great way to keep track of your money and to be financially responsible. Create a spreadsheet to itemize your planned spending as well as the actual amount you spend each month (refer to the Monthly Budget Plan on page 63). The Student Wellness Center is a great resource for your financial education, offering Scarlet and Gray financial coaching. Not only do staff members provide free financial counseling, but they also have helpful resources and tools to assist you in making the best financial decisions. Go to swc.osu.edu/financial-education-coaching or call **614-292-4527**.

Utility costs

When renting a property, utility costs can vary a great deal based on the type of unit you are renting and the age of the building, among many other factors. NSC suggests budgeting, at minimum, an additional \$150-\$200/month per person (when living with roommates) for electric, gas, cable, Internet, and water. If you're living alone, utility costs will most likely be higher.

When viewing a rental property, it may be beneficial to ask the current tenants what their average utility bills are per month. Of course, everyone has different usage patterns, but this may give you a ballpark figure. If you are unable to speak to the current tenants, you may be able to contact utility companies directly and ask them what the bills were for specific months throughout the year.

Am I comfortable with the location of the rental property?

Everyone has a desired location for an apartment or house, but you need to be sure you can also afford the area you like. However, you don't want to live where you

feel unsafe simply to save a few bucks. Be smart and do your research. Here are some important tips to follow:

- Visit the property during the day, at night, and on weekends to see if there is a major difference in environment (and if there is, make sure you are comfortable with this). Follow your gut: if you get the sense that you are unsafe or uncomfortable in your surroundings, chances are you feel this way for a reason.
- Talk to the current tenants and/or neighbors and see what their experience has been in regard to crime and safety issues.
- Check out crime statistics for a particular area by visiting [crimereports.com](https://www.crimereports.com).
- Talk to your friends! Often, your friends can be your best resource when trying to find a suitable off-campus property.

Is this property suitable for me (and my roommates)?

Very rarely will you find exactly what you are looking for in a rental property; compromise is a given. You may have to give up that dream of having a rooftop deck or outdoor pool. However, you should find a property that meets your crucial needs. Be realistic on expectations of what you will find and what you can afford, and make sure you and your roommates are on the same page. Come up with a list of amenities that you must have, so you are all prepared prior to looking at any properties.





Searching for Off-Campus Housing continued



Is the landlord reputable?

Initially, a majority of landlords seem nice and honest (and most are), but you never know what the future holds. Make sure you talk to the current tenants (when the landlord is not present) to find out what their experience has been with the landlord. Ask questions such as:

- Was the place ready to move in at the start of the lease term?
- Does the landlord make repairs in a timely fashion?
- Does the landlord provide 24-hours' notice prior to entering the premises?
- Is the landlord respectful and easy to work with?
- Would you rent from this landlord again? 🌸

Review the Undergraduate Student Government's annual Renter's Guide, which contains a compilation of ratings from students renting from many local area landlords. You can find all editions of the guide on the NSC website, offcampus.osu.edu.





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- Most of our apartments and houses come with new cabinets and ceramic tile floors in kitchen and baths, new frost-free refrigerator(s), dishwasher, free washer-dryer, new insulated windows, new air conditioning and forced air gas furnace, mini blinds and plenty of free, unblocked, well lit off-street parking.
- Most of our apartments and houses come with all utilities included (gas, electric, water/sewer, basic cable tv and *high speed internet - 30 Mbps*).
- Convenient online rent payment, free of charge.
- We guarantee a parking spot for each parking permit we issue.
- We *GUARANTEE* to respond to your general maintenance requests *within 24 hours*.
- We employ a well qualified, well paid, dedicated, trustworthy and courteous maintenance crew, including a licensed electrician.
- *We guarantee your full satisfaction with the condition of all of our properties on move-in day.*
- *We strongly believe, that if an apartment or house is not good enough for our daughters or son to live in, it is not good enough for you either.*

How to Inspect a Property

Once you and your roommates have found a potential rental property you are interested in, be sure to view the property again before signing a lease. Go through the entire property and inspect it thoroughly.



- Turn on all faucets/showerheads to make sure the hot/cold water works.
- Flush all toilets.
- Check the thermostat and make sure the heat and air conditioning work properly.
- Make sure there is a sufficient amount of outdoor lighting for your safety.
- Inspect windows by opening them, both to check condition of their hardware and to make sure they are not painted shut. Bedroom windows should be large enough to escape through in a fire.
- Inspect floors and carpet for moisture damage.
- Make sure all exterior doors have proper locks.
- Check all appliances to make certain they are functioning properly.
- Talk to the current tenants to see if they have had specific problems with anything in the rental property.

If you **do** see any issues and/or needed upgrades, discuss each item with the landlord. If he/she agrees to your requests, be sure to put each item in writing in the lease.

After inspecting the property, if you and your roommates are still interested in renting it, request a sample lease from the landlord. Take the sample to Student Legal Services where staff will provide you with a lease review. ✨



STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

Did you know **Student Legal Services (SLS)** gives legal advice and representation to students? SLS even provides lease reviews! NSC strongly urges you to stay enrolled in the SLS program; otherwise, you can't use its valuable services.

What is a lease review? SLS will go through the entire lease with you, explain any terms you do not understand, let you know if there are unenforceable clauses, and help you put your verbal agreements in writing.

What to Expect When Signing a Lease

Although not all landlords have the same policies, typical renting requirements in the Columbus area are somewhat consistent.

- You and each of your roommates will be asked to fill out an application. There is typically a fee associated with this (approximately \$30-\$75 per person). The landlord may check your credit report at this time.
- Most campus-area landlords require a tenant under the age of 23 to have a co-signor (often a parent/guardian).
- Once your application has been approved, you will be asked to sign a lease. If you will be living with other individuals, make sure all tenants and co-signors



sign the lease and submit it at one time. You do not want to end up signing and submitting your copy of the lease only to discover that none of your roommates and/

or co-signors signed and submitted their copies. You could potentially be held responsible for the total rent amount for the entire lease term.

- Once all documents have been signed, make sure each roommate keeps a copy. Maintaining your own files is imperative; do not depend on a roommate to file these important documents for you.
- After signing the lease, most landlords will require a security deposit to be paid (usually equivalent to one month's rent).



What is a security deposit?

A security deposit is a payment most landlords require in order to ensure that the property is not damaged and that all money due is paid. The purpose is to secure your performance under the lease. A security deposit is refundable, as long as you are up to date on all payments, and the property is returned in the same condition as it was received, minus normal wear and tear. A security deposit is usually a sizable amount of money, so make sure you protect it.

How can I protect my security deposit?

Documentation, documentation, documentation! When moving into your rental home, take pictures/video of the entire property, preferably prior to moving in any furniture. Document everything, from floor to ceiling. This gives you a record of the condition of the property at the time of possession. In addition, provide your landlord, in writing, a list of all repairs that need to be made, keeping a copy of this documentation for your records. Landlords often provide tenants with a move-in and move-out checklist. It is important to fill out these checklists properly (and to keep a copy for your records). NSC also can provide additional tips/tools on how to properly document your rental property (see pages 59-60). 🌟

How to Prepare for Your Move Off Campus

Moving into an apartment/house can be a very exciting time, as you'll have a new place to live and a new sense of freedom—as well as a new set of responsibilities. NSC is here to help prepare you for your off-campus move.

Schedule utility connections

Generally, it is the tenant's responsibility to make arrangements for utility connections (such as water,



gas, electric, refuse, cable, and Internet). It is beneficial to contact utility companies at least two weeks in advance since many tenants in the University District will need utilities connected at roughly the same time. Make sure you get on the schedule as quickly as possible.



In addition, it is advisable that individuals do not put all utility bills in one

person's name. If someone does not pay his/her share of the bills one month, you do not want the burden always to fall on the same person. In addition, setting up a utility bill in your name helps build credit, so take this opportunity to build your credit and learn how to pay bills—on time.

Purchase renter's insurance

It is highly recommended that all tenants purchase renter's insurance. Landlords typically have property insurance to cover the actual structure of the building, but this does not cover your personal property. You need to make sure to have insurance to replace your

belongings if they are damaged in a fire or flood, or are stolen. Most insurance companies will provide competitive rates if you bundle your insurance package (for example, if you have your automobile insurance and renter's insurance through the same company). Renter's insurance is very inexpensive; there is no excuse for not having it!

Update your local address

Update your new, local off-campus address at **buckeyelink.osu.edu** each year. Keeping your local address up to date with the university lets your Community Ambassadors know where you live on their street, so they can notify you of fun and informative programs and events going on in your neighborhood. They also can provide you with important announcements, such as street sweeping dates, safety, and crime information. Also make sure you keep the post office up to date with your local address. Visit usps.gov.

Do you need a City Parking Permit?

Many landlords do not offer and/or guarantee off-street



parking. If you plan to have a car while living off campus, make sure you have a place to park and that you read street signs and parking signs carefully. Certain areas in Columbus do require you to have a City Parking Permit,

especially in the University District area. Permit costs are as follows:

August 1, 2013, to October 31, 2013 – \$25

November 1, 2013, to January 31, 2014 – \$20

February 1, 2014, to April 30, 2014 – \$15

May 1, 2014, to July 31, 2014 – \$10

A representative from the City of Columbus sells City Parking Permits at the NSC office for a limited time in mid August. For the 2012–2013 school year, permits will be sold August 15–22, 2012 (excluding the weekend) 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 1:30–4 p.m. in 3106 Ohio Union.

If you need additional information, contact the Parking Violations Bureau at 614-645-6400 or visit publicservice.columbus.gov.

Register to receive Campus Public Safety Notices

The Campus Public Safety Notice (“Notice”) is provided to give students, faculty, and staff timely notification of crimes that may present a threat to the campus community and to heighten safety awareness. In general, criminal suspects are unknown to victims. However, in the instance of a violent crime occurring between two individuals who know one another,



University Police looks at each instance to determine if the suspect poses a continued threat to the campus community and issues a warning when necessary. The Notice

also seeks information that may lead to arrest and conviction of the offender when violent crimes against persons or major crimes against property have been reported to the police.

University Police is responsible for a Public Safety Notice when a crime is reported to or brought to its attention, and that crime represents a threat to the safety of the campus community. Information for alerts also comes from other law enforcement agencies or other offices. Every attempt will be made to distribute the Notice within 12 hours of the time the incident is reported; however, the release is subject to the availability of accurate facts concerning the incident. Notices are distributed to on-campus offices, residence halls and libraries, off-campus businesses, on- and off-campus postings, and the Internet.

To register to receive Public Safety Notices, go to dps.osu.edu/police/psn/.

Who is bringing what?

Make sure you and your roommates are clear on who is bringing what furniture, appliances, cleaning supplies, etc. on move-in day. Otherwise you could end up with three kitchen tables and no chairs!

Determine how rent will be paid each month

Some landlords require rent to be paid in one check while others allow tenants to pay rent individually. Some expect a check to be dropped off or mailed while



others require tenants to pay rent online each month. Be aware of and prepared for how your landlord requires rent to be paid. If you and your roommate(s) are required to submit one check for the rent payment each month, how will this be

done? Will one person collect rent from everyone prior to the due date? Will everyone have a joint checking account solely for rent payments? Make sure you and your roommate(s) have discussed this, have come up with an agreement, and have documented this in your roommate contract.

Update your cell phone number with Buckeye Alert



The Buckeye Alert system is designed to keep you informed of any ongoing emergencies via text message to your cell phone. This is a free service that will inform you of where you should

go and what you should do to remain safe in the event of an emergency. Students are automatically enrolled in this service. Visit buckeyealert.osu.edu to keep your cell phone number up to date. 🌸

Support Services

Along with Neighborhood Services and Collaboration, there are many other offices throughout the university and Columbus that work to support you during your off-campus living experience. It's up to you to seek out these resources.



Student Legal Services

20 E. 11th Avenue

614-247-5853

studentlegal@osu.edu

Student Legal Services (SLS) is an independent, nonprofit law office providing eligible Ohio State students access to licensed attorneys for legal advice and representation. SLS advises regarding a wide array of legal issues including: lease reviews, off-campus housing, criminal misdemeanors, traffic offenses, consumer transactions, credit/debt issues, dissolution of marriage, name changes, simple wills, living wills, power of attorney, simple document drafting, victims of crime assistance, notary services, and more. Eligible students can make an appointment by calling or by visiting studentlegal.osu.edu.

Student Mediation program

33 W. 11th Avenue

Room 115

614-292-0748

studentconduct.osu.edu

The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law has partnered with Student Conduct to offer free mediation services to all Ohio State students as an avenue to

resolve conflicts and disagreements. Mediation is a problem solving process guided by a neutral third party who assists in understanding the issues and exploring options, with the goal of resolving the dispute. All parties have the opportunity to express their concerns. The mediator will not choose sides and will not attempt to determine who is telling the truth or who is lying. The mediation process is confidential with limited exceptions. Since mediation is voluntary, all parties must be willing to consider mediation in order for the process to continue. Mediation sessions typically last one-and-a-half to two hours. Not all parties must be Ohio State students; as long as at least one of the parties is an Ohio State student, the parties may use the Student Mediation Program.

Common disputes resolved by mediation:

- roommate conflicts
- money disputes
- property disputes
- work-related disputes
- student organization disputes
- group project disputes
- relationship disputes

Benefits of mediation:

- effective, known for high success rate
- fast and convenient
- free
- confidential
- voluntary
- saves your reputation
- expands your options
- all parties have a say
- agreement is self-determined

Student Wellness Center

337 W. 17th Avenue
 Room B130 RPAC
 614-292-4527
swc.osu.edu
wellness@osu.edu

The Student Wellness Center serves to promote the nine dimensions of wellness—emotional, occupational, social, intellectual, spiritual, physical, financial, aesthetic, and environments—by providing information on various health issues, providing programs and services to individuals and groups, and contributing to the development of a healthier and caring campus community. Programs and services include:

- Financial counseling, provided by Scarlet & Gray peer educators. Walk-in counseling is available in the Student Service Center on Mondays, 1–5 p.m. Appointments are also available by phone.
- Nutrition counseling, provided by a registered dietician. For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit go.osu.edu/D5X.
- Anonymous and confidential HIV testing via an oral swab test—meaning no needles, no blood. Results are ready in 20–40 minutes. Call for an appointment.
- The Condom Club. With a free membership, students can purchase up to 40 condoms per day for only \$5, after watching a short demonstration on using a condom correctly. To join, bring your BuckID and any questions to SWC on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, 2:30–4:30 p.m.; or Tuesday or Thursday, 4:30–6 p.m.
- Sexual violence education and support for situations of sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and intimate partner abuse; aid in criminal justice and/or student judicial reporting and in obtaining protection orders. A Sexual Violence Assistance Fund is available to aid with expenses

associated with an experience of sexual violence. For more information, visit go.osu.edu/D5Z or e-mail sves@osu.edu.

- Information and support regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. Alcohol and marijuana screenings and tobacco cessation kits are available free of cost.

Student Advocacy Center

1120 Lincoln Tower
 1800 Cannon Drive
 614-292-1111
studentlife.osu.edu/advocacy
advocacy@osu.edu

Do you have a problem you don't know how to solve? Is there information you cannot find? The Student Advocacy Center was established to help answer your questions, direct you to the appropriate departments and people, familiarize you with university policies and procedures, and give you guidance as you look for ways to solve problems and make choices. Center staff can help you become better informed so that you can focus on your classes, make important decisions about your future, and ultimately achieve your dream of a college degree.

311 Columbus Call Center

The City of Columbus Call Center provides a way for you to submit requests for City services by calling 614-645-3111. The call center is the single point of contact for residents to request all non-emergency City services such as reporting a pothole or fallen tree, as well as scheduling a bulk-trash pick-up. Check out 311.columbus.gov for more information.

The City of Columbus also provides a free mobile application for iPhones. The goal is to allow area residents enhanced access to city and community resources. The mobile application encompasses four main initiatives: 1) My Neighborhood, 2) Get Active, 3) Get Green, and 4) 311.



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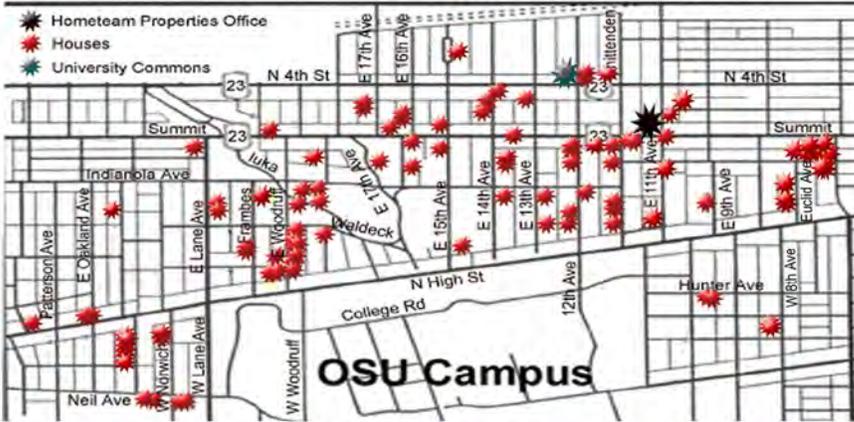


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- Newer Hardwood Floors
- Free Off-Street Parking
- Porches
- And Much More!



PROPERTY LISTING

RENT STARTING
AT \$400 PER PERSON

1-5 Persons

- 290 E. Lane 1-5
- 192 E. 12th 2-4
- 320 E. 17th 2-4
- 331 E. 18th 2-4
- 350 E. 12th 2-4
- 1548-1550 Hunter 2-4
- 222 E. 11th 2-5
- 45 Euclid 3
- 1394 1/2 Indianola 3
- 84 E. 9th/High 3-4
- 165 E. Northwood 3-4
- 180-182 W. 8th 3-4
- 1712 Summit 3-4
- 333-335 E. 12th 3-5
- 1516-1518 Summit 3-5
- 235 E. 11th 4-5
- 78-80 W. Norwich 4
- 104-106 W. Northwood 4
- 167 E. Norwich 4
- 61-63 E. Woodruff 4-5
- 73-75 Chittenden 4-5
- 80-82 Euclid 4-5
- 225 E. 11th 4-5
- 328 Chittenden 4-5
- 2251-2253 Neil/Lane 4-5
- 2310-2312 High 4-5
- 1529 Summit 4-5
- 50-52 Euclid 4-5

6-7 Persons

- 291 E. 14th 4-6
- 1633-1635 Summit 4-6
- 122 W. Northwood 5
- 140-142 E. 11th 5
- 21 E. Maynard/High 5-6
- 56 W. Norwich 5-6
- 92-94 Frambes 5-6
- 109-111 E. Woodruff 5-6
- 113-115 E. Woodruff 5-6
- 116 W. Northwood 5-6
- 130 W. Northwood 5-6
- 194 E. 12th 5-6
- 225 E. 11th 5-6
- 237 E. 11th 5-6
- 328 Chittenden 5-6
- 1516-1518 Summit 5-6
- 1641 Indianola 5-6
- 72 E. Woodruff 6
- 96 E. Woodruff 6
- 103-105 E. Woodruff 6
- 308 E. 14th 6
- 1394 Indianola 6
- 149-151 Chittenden 4-7
- 299-301 E. 17th 5-7
- 78 E. Woodruff 7
- 186 E. Northwood 7
- 193 Frambes 7
- 1993 Summit/19th 7
- 28 E. 11th 6-7

- 284 E. 13th 6-7
- 286-288 E. 16th 6-7
- 289 E. 14th 6-7
- 328 E. 17th 6-7
- 1656 Summit 6-7
- 1668 N. 4th/13th 6-7
- 2143 Indiana/Lane 6-7
- 2215-2217 Neil/Lane 6-7

8-9 Persons

- 52 E. Woodruff/Tuller 7-8
- 86-88 Chittenden 7-8
- 130 W. Northwood 7-8
- 88 W. Northwood 8
- 185 E. Lane 8
- 187 E. 12th 8
- 242 E. 18th 8
- 405 E. 15th 8
- 1888 Summit/17th 8
- 199 E. 14th 8-9
- 179 E. Lane 8-9
- 278 E. 14th 8-9
- 278 E. 15th 8-9
- 222 E. 16th 9

10+ Persons

- 80-82 Euclid 8-10
- 115 E. 12th/Indianola 8-10
- 195 E. 14th 8-10
- 62 E. Woodruff 9-10

- 119 E. 13th 9-10
- 150 Frambes 9-10
- 244 E. 17th 9-10
- 1957 Indianola/17th 9-10
- 135 E. 14th 9-11
- 58 E. 12th 10-11
- 71 E. 13th 10-11
- 1985 Waldeck/18th 10-11
- 1965 Indianola/17th 10-12
- 1846 Summit/16th 10-13
- 90 E. 12th 12-14
- 86 Chittenden 14-15
- 43 E. 15th 15-16
- 1952 Iuka 12-16
- 240 E. 15th 18-24
- 1978 Iuka 18-22



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Support Services continued



Trash collection

Trash collection for the City of Columbus is managed by the Department of Public Service, Division of Refuse Collection.

How to determine your trash collection day

- Wheeled containers and 300-gallon containers are emptied once a week.
- Columbus dumpsters are emptied once a week, within a two-day window.
- To look up your designated trash-collection day, visit publicservice.columbus.gov/refuse.
- Utilize the “My Columbus” mobile application.

What can I place in my trash container?

- Most of your household trash can be placed in your container.
- Trash must be bagged and tied before you place it in your container. This prevents litter and is required by Columbus City Code.
- Do not put trash around the outside of the container. Only trash inside the container will be collected.
- Yard waste cannot be thrown away with regular trash.
- Items such as old furniture that are too large for your container are considered bulk trash. The City

provides free collection of these items, but you must contact the City to schedule a bulk collection.

- Recyclable items such as plastic bottles, paper, and cans should not be placed with your household trash, but should be recycled appropriately.
- Some household trash, such as pesticides or other chemicals, is hazardous and cannot be placed with regular trash.

Where do I place my green, wheeled trash bin?

- If you have a wheeled trash container, place it at your designated collection point before 6 a.m. (but no more than 12 hours prior to collection).
- Please call the 311 center if you do not know your designated collection point.
- Remove your container from the collection point no more than 24 hours after collection and keep it in a secure place.

Bulk item collection

Bulk items are not collected unless the resident schedules a pick-up collection. Some large items cannot



be thrown away because they are too big to fit in the trash container.

Residents should contact the City's 311 Call Center and/or check out

the City's “My Columbus” mobile app to schedule a pick-up of bulk items. Bulk items include, but are not limited to: furniture, lamps, carpet, and mattresses.

Unacceptable trash items

Some items cannot be collected by the City of Columbus. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Hazardous, flammable or explosive materials
- Auto parts and tires
- Excavating and building materials

- Refrigerated appliances (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, heat pumps, water coolers, and air conditioners)
- Furnaces, pianos, spas, hot tubs, or pool tables

Donating items

The best option for disposing of large items in good condition is to give them to a friend or charitable organization, or take part in Ohio State's Dump and Run (recycling.org.ohio-state.edu). Franklin County's FirstLink also can provide referrals to organizations that accept donations of old furniture, appliances, or other items such as clothing and use them to help families in need (call 614-221-2255). Many local churches also take donated items for needy families.

Hazardous waste

Household hazardous waste cannot be disposed of in your trash container. These items include, but are not limited to: propane, gasoline, paint, bleach, batteries, or rat poison. Call 311 with any questions.

Recycling

To be eligible for recycling collection services: 1) you must be a City of Columbus resident, and 2) you must live in a single-family home or building of four attached units or less that may appear not to be part of a complex. (Eligibility is assessed on a case-by-case basis. Call 614-645-3111.)

If you are eligible to recycle, the City of Columbus will issue a blue cart that holds 64 gallons of recyclables.

Acceptable recycle items include: aluminum and steel cans and lids; flattened cardboard and pizza boxes (free of food and grease); plastic bottles and jugs; glass bottles and jars; cartons and juice boxes; cereal and other dry food boxes; newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, and phone books.

Recyclables are collected every other week. To check your recycling day, call 645-3111 or visit publicservice.columbus.gov/recycle.



Drop-off locations

There are a number of recycling drop-off locations in the Ohio State campus area, including:

- Kroger, 1350 N. High Street
- Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Avenue
- Tuttle Recreation, 240 W. Oakland Avenue
- Godman Guild, 303 E. 6th Avenue
- 165 E. 15th Avenue

If you are committed to recycling, check out the campus group Students for Recycling, who are highly involved in and knowledgeable about recycling. Visit recycling.org.ohio-state.edu for events hosted by the group campus wide and for information sessions on how you can do your part.

Street sweeping

The Division of Planning and Operations' Street Maintenance Section maintains the annual street sweeping program from April through October. Street cleaning is done on a citywide non-posted basis and also in five Columbus neighborhoods that require posted parking restrictions. Cars not moved during posted sweeping dates are towed at the owner's expense, and other fines may apply. Around the University District, street sweeping takes place on the second Thursday of each month on the north and east sides of the street and on the second Friday of each month on the south and west sides of the street. Join the NSC Mobile Club, as text reminders are sent each

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month. In addition, Community Ambassadors do their best to remind residents of street sweeping schedules.

Community Crime Patrol

284 E. 11th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201
614-247-1760

communitycrim patrol.org

Acting as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Columbus Division of Police, Community Crime Patrol, Inc. (CCP) has a basic mission of getting the police to situations where they are needed. CCP is a group of highly trained citizen patrollers working to increase safety in Columbus neighborhoods. Equipped only with flashlights, two-way radios, and their training, CCP patrollers deter criminals, build neighborhood awareness of crime prevention techniques, assist in the apprehension of suspects, and provide first aid when needed. There are currently 25–30 patrollers in five neighborhoods. Over the past 21 years of operation, patrollers have:

- reported more than 40,000 incidents
- been an integral part of over 800 arrests
- helped in stopping a sexual assault and were awarded the Meritorious Public Service Award by the Columbus Police for their actions
- been successful in finding lost children
- identified over 100 drunk drivers
- assisted in the apprehension of several individuals carrying concealed weapons

To access CCP's monthly report, visit **communitycrim patrol.org** and click on "View Current Report."

Neighborhood Policing Center

248 E. 11th Avenue
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614-247-1760

The Neighborhood Policing Center, located between Summit and N. 4th in the University District, brings together law enforcement agencies and community

organizations in an innovative and unique way to increase safety and visibility of police officers in the university and Weinland Park areas.

The Ohio State University Department of Public Safety

614-292-2121 (non-emergencies)

Although public safety is the Department of Public Safety's job, it is the responsibility of everyone at the university. Through programs of education, information, and active and security presence, the department endeavors to ensure that students, faculty, and staff are free from safety distractions so that they may learn, teach, and conduct research.

Columbus Division of Fire

Headquarters: 3675 Parsons Avenue
Columbus, OH 43207
614-221-2345 (non-emergencies)

The City of Columbus is geographically divided into seven battalions, each of which is directed by a battalion chief who is responsible for the administration and direction of all activities within his/her battalion. Among these seven battalions, there are 31 fire stations equipped with 31 engine/medic companies, two engine companies, 16 ladder companies, 32 medic transport vehicles, five rescues, a hazmat vehicle, a bomb unit, and seven EMS supervisors.

Student Escort Service

614-292-3322
Hours of operation: 7 p.m.–3 a.m.
(hours may vary during breaks)

No, not that kind of escort service! Ohio State's Student Escort Service provides an escort to walk or drive you to and from your destination. This free service is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, so call in advance to schedule a ride. ✨

Safety

Your safety is your responsibility. Although there are many resources and services available to help ensure your safety, it is up to you to take necessary precautions to stay safe.

Here are some key tips:

- Male or female—never walk alone!
- Utilize the Student Escort Service; be sure 614-292-3322 is programmed into your cell phone.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Walking alone and talking on your cell phone/having iPod ear buds in, is a distraction and makes you a perfect target.
- Know the locations of emergency “blue light” telephones.
- Know your route and the quickest way to get help.
- Avoid shortcuts and dark or secluded places; use public walkways.
- Read all e-mails from your Community Ambassador for Public Safety Notices and other safety information.
- Take advantage of free self-defense courses offered through the Student Wellness Center (**swc.osu.edu**).
- Keep all valuables out of your vehicle, always.
- Do not place any indoor upholstered furniture outdoors.
- Attend Buckeye Block Watch meetings.

When you are home:

- All doors and windows should be locked at all times.
- Install free window/door alarms (from the NSC office, 3106 Ohio Union).
- Keep your exterior lights on.
- We’ve all been told this since we were very young: do not open the door to strangers.
- If you have scheduled a utility/cable company service call, ask for an employee ID badge before letting the worker inside.

When leaving for break:

- Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Leave all shades/blinds closed.
- Take items of value home with you.
- Disconnect electrical extensions, even toasters.
- Do not leave any checks, money, IDs, or credit cards behind.
- Do not leave keys to your home anywhere outside the property.
- Turn down your heat, but do not turn it off. Keeping the heat on a low temperature is okay, but do not turn it below 55 degrees. This will help prevent pipes from freezing and potentially bursting.
- Leave a few lights on or get a safety timer from 3106 Ohio Union that will automatically turn the lights on and off. (Don’t set it for the same time each day.)
- Have a friend or neighbor check on your property. If a break-in occurs, notify the police immediately.
- Make sure your mail service and/or newspaper delivery is temporarily held. Accumulating mail is a sure sign that nobody is home. To temporarily hold your mail, visit **holdmail.usps.com**.

Buckeye Block Watch

Buckeyes are watching this block! When you get involved with Buckeye Block Watch, you become the eyes and ears for safety in your neighborhood. Making your community safer by getting to know your neighbors, reporting suspicious behavior, and looking out for yourself and others is what Buckeye Block Watch is all about.

Safety continued

See something? Say something!

- Call 911 for emergencies (emergencies include, but are not limited to, crimes in progress, fire, incidents that pose a threat to you and/or others).
- Call 614-645-4545 for non-emergencies (non-emergencies include crimes that have already occurred, suspicious behavior, etc.).
- Call 614-221-2345 for fire non-emergencies.
- Please do not involve yourself in addressing incidents. Report issues, and allow law enforcement and other authorities to handle the response.

Attend a Buckeye Block Watch event in your community.

- Neighborhood cookouts and gatherings
- Buckeye Block Watch Bash

Hang a Buckeye Block Watch placard in your window.

- This signals to criminals that they are being watched.
- Helpful safety information is included on side facing in.
- Didn't get a placard? Contact your Community Ambassador: offcampus.osu.edu/off-campus-community

- Win free pizza and Coke products for having it in your window; drawings held each semester!

When you walk:

- Do not walk alone at night.
- Stay out of alleys.
- Be observant of who and what is around you.
- Minimize distractions like cell phones and iPods.
- Reduce your risk: carry only what you need.

Sign up for Public Safety Notices.

- go.osu.edu/safetynotices

Report graffiti, vandalism, street light problems, and other disorder

- Use the MyColumbus App; download it at mayor.columbus.gov/MyColumbus.
- Call the City Call Center at 614-645-3111.
- Visit 311.columbus.org.

Get to know your Community Ambassador.

- offcampus.osu.edu/off-campus-community



Fire safety

If a fire breaks out, **GET OUT, STAY OUT**, and **CALL 911**. To protect yourself, follow these tips:

- Make sure you have properly functioning smoke detectors:
 - Have at least one smoke detector on each floor and in each bedroom. Talk to your landlord if this is not the case.
 - Test the batteries weekly. Install fresh batteries each semester.
 - Do not remove batteries to stop false alarms. Fan smoke away instead.
- Have a fire extinguisher near the kitchen and the exits.
- Know two ways out, with your eyes closed (especially from bedrooms).
- Don't leave cooking, candles, and space heaters unattended.
- Make sure cigarettes are extinguished. Don't smoke in bed.
- Don't use a grill on a porch, roof, or within 20 feet of a building.
- Don't store gasoline, lighter fluid, or propane indoors.
- Make sure you have renter's insurance (with a fire policy).
- Keep flammable materials at least three feet away from water heaters, heaters, furnaces, and other sources of flame.
- Don't overload electrical circuits.
- If you have a washer/dryer in your apartment or house, make certain your landlord cleans the dryer vent on a regular basis.



The leading cause of residential fires is a result of unattended cooking equipment (22.6% nationally).

The leading cause of fire deaths is a result of improperly discarded smoking materials/ carelessness smoking (nearly 800 deaths annually).

Of adult fatalities, **50% of the victims were under the influence of alcohol**, which impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts.

82% die in their own homes, mostly while they are sleeping (most vulnerable between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.).

75% of fire fatalities occurring in student housing were off-campus residences and were attributed to disabled smoke alarms, alcohol consumption, and lack of sprinklers.

Pedestrians safety tips

- Stay on sidewalks
- Use crosswalks
- Obey traffic signs and signals
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Be visible to drivers and bicyclists
- Avoid dangerous behaviors
- Wear light colored clothing at night
- Be aware of surroundings
- Do not jaywalk



Bicycle safety

Bicycle safety is very important. In Ohio, bicycles are required to follow the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. One-way streets, stop signs, riding on the right side of the road, and yielding to pedestrians are some of the requirements for bicyclists. Bicycles also are not allowed on sidewalks, including the Oval.

- Remember, two locks are better than one. U- or O-shaped locks work best in deterring bicycle theft. When parking, lock both rims and the frame to a bike rack for more security. Use only bike

racks, not small trees or outside furniture, and keep walkways and stairways unobstructed.

- Prevent crime: When your bike is parked for an extended period, occasionally move it to show you are keeping a watchful eye.
- Bug Your Bike! Bicycle theft can be a problem for students. Use the latest technology to “Bug Your Bike” with a free RFID (radio frequency identification device) as part of the Student Life Risk Assessment efforts to prevent theft. Bugs are available at University Security and Fire Prevention Services, 1010 Blankenship Hall.
- Register your bike: This is a free service that takes only a few minutes out of your day. A registered bike that is lost or stolen is more likely to be found and returned. For more information or to register your bike, visit the Public Safety office in Blankenship Hall. ✨



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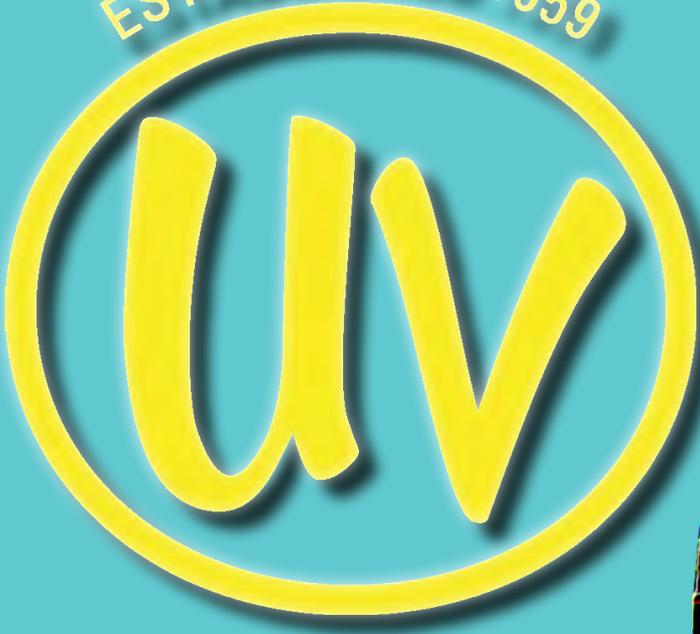
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Rights and Responsibilities

Living off campus can be a fun and rewarding experience, especially when you are aware of your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, roommate, neighbor, and community member.

Rights and responsibilities

Did you know there is a law in Ohio that regulates the relationship between landlords and tenants? This is known as the Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law, and it sets forth the rights and responsibilities for both landlords and tenants. In addition, the City of Columbus has implemented several city ordinances. The following information will help you understand the law and city ordinances so that you may have a successful experience in your off-campus community.

Note: *The following information refers only to Ohio law and does not constitute legal advice. If you need legal advice, you must contact an attorney. The law may have changed since the date of this publication (August 2013).*

Landlord and tenant obligations

Both landlords and tenants have certain statutory obligations, regardless of anything set forth in the lease. If you have any questions regarding this information, set up an appointment to speak with Student Legal Services (studentlegal.osu.edu).

Landlord Obligations under Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law:

- Comply with all applicable building, housing, health, and safety codes.
- Keep the property in a fit and habitable condition.
- Keep all common areas safe and sanitary.
- Maintain all appliances and equipment.
- Provide 24-hours' notice prior to entering the unit (unless there is an emergency).

Tenant Obligations under Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law

- Keep the property safe and sanitary.
- Dispose of all garbage in a clean, safe, and sanitary manner.
- Use electrical and plumbing fixtures properly.
- Comply with housing, health, and safety codes that apply to tenants.
- Refrain from damaging the property.
- Keep appliances supplied by the landlord in good working order.
- Do not disturb your neighbors' peaceful enjoyment.
- Allow the landlord to enter the premises if the request is reasonable, and proper advance notice is given. Proper notice typically refers to 24-hours' notice, although in an emergency, it may be less.



Although you may love having that old, beat-up couch on your porch, **it is illegal in the city of Columbus.** Individuals are not permitted to have upholstered furniture on a porch, yard, deck, or any outdoor location.

Code of Student Conduct

It is a violation of The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct to participate in off-campus behavior that causes substantial property damage or serious harm to the health or safety of members of the university community. Some examples are hosting an out-of-control party, setting fires, setting off fireworks, standing on or rocking cars, throwing glass bottles or other dangerous items, and rioting.

The Code of Student Conduct outlines many different behaviors, including, but not limited to:

Riotous behavior

1. Participation in a disturbance with the purpose to commit or incite any action that presents a clear and present danger to others, causes physical harm to others, or damages property.
2. Proscribed behavior in the context of a riot includes, but is not limited to:
 - Knowingly engaging in conduct designed to incite another to engage in riotous behavior; and
 - Actual or threatened damage to or destruction of university property or property of others, whether done intentionally or with reckless disregard; and
 - Failing to comply with a directive to disperse by university officials, law enforcement, or emergency personnel; and
 - Intimidating, impeding, hindering, or obstructing a university official, law enforcement, or emergency personnel in the performance or their duties.
3. This rule shall not be interpreted as proscribing peaceful demonstrations, peaceful picketing, a call for a peaceful boycott, or other forms of peaceful dissent.



It is considered rioting when five or more persons engage in disorderly conduct.

Failure to obey orders to disperse from law enforcement or university authorities is a code violation. Bystanders and “cheerleaders” at disturbances may be subject to university discipline. In addition to any civil or criminal charges you might face for these behaviors, you also will be subject to university judicial action and could be suspended or dismissed from The Ohio State University.

Dangerous weapons or devices

Use, storage, or possession of dangerous weapons or devices including, but not limited to, firearms, ammunition, or fireworks, unless authorized by an appropriate university official or permitted by a university policy, even if otherwise permitted by law.

Failure to comply with university or city authority

Failure to comply with legitimate directives of authorized university officials, law enforcement, or emergency personnel, identified as such, in the performance of their duties, including failure to identify oneself when so requested or violation of the terms of a disciplinary sanction.

Noise ordinance

The Columbus City Code prohibits any unreasonable loud noise that disturbs the quiet and comfort of a person with ordinary sensibilities. This code has restrictions on the level of noise and the distance from which the noise is coming. It cannot be so intense that it is offensive or disturbing. Violations of the City Noise Ordinance can result in criminal charges. Be respectful: do not play loud music late at night and disturb your neighbors.

Rights and Responsibilities continued

Party Smart!

Whether we're celebrating the end of final exams, a Buckeye victory, or just enjoying time with friends, fond memories and great stories often include having a few drinks. It is important to keep in mind the importance of staying safe and obeying the law.

Before the party

- Get a free Party Smart kit from the Student Wellness Center (partysmart.osu.edu).
- Ask an NSC representative to talk to the hosts of the party to answer any questions, discuss concerns that the hosts may have, and provide tips for a safe, successful party. NSC is here to help, not hinder, the party!
- Put up orange fencing to control the crowd from leaving your yard and spilling into the street. Do not let anyone consume alcohol outside the fence.
- Talk to your neighbors prior to the party. Exchange phone numbers. Build a friendly relationship. If a friendship has been established, they are more likely to come to you first if any problems arise.
- Ensure that someone knows where you are going, who you are with, and when you will return.

During the party

- Have at least one sober host.
- Socialize with trustworthy friends.
- Lock doors to private areas, such as bedrooms. Hide valuables; thefts occur during parties too!
- Check IDs at the door.

Open Container

It is illegal to possess in public an open container of an alcoholic beverage. Conviction of this offense carries a maximum penalty of a \$150 fine. Consumption of alcohol in a motor vehicle is a fourth-degree misdemeanor with maximum penalties of 30 days' imprisonment or a \$250 fine or both.

- Provide non-alcoholic drinks for those who do not drink or who are under age 21.
- Keep music/noise at a reasonable level.
- Limit the amount of alcohol available. More alcohol leads to more people. More intoxicated people in one area increases the likelihood of having problems.
- Provide alcohol in cans versus a keg. But if you do have a keg, have one of the hosts stay next to it (preferably a sober host). Check IDs at the keg so that you are not serving underage guests. You can be held responsible if you provide alcohol to someone under age 21.
- Do not let guests party on porches, roofs, or overcrowded decks beyond capacity. This is dangerous and illegal.





After the party

- Look out for each other—stay together and leave together.
- Respect your neighborhood. Clean up all garbage, cups, and cans immediately after the party.

Possession or display of a fictitious operator's license is a first-degree misdemeanor.

The offense includes mere possession of a fictitious license or display of someone else's valid operator's license. The maximum penalties for this offense are six months imprisonment or a \$1,000 fine or both. Moreover, if the fictitious operator's license is utilized to purchase alcohol or enter an establishment that serves alcohol, the minimum fine must be at least \$250 and the person displaying the fictitious operator's license may have his/her valid operator's license suspended for three years.

As the host of a party, remember:

- You can be held responsible for the actions of your guests.
- If you have guests who have been drinking and want to drive home, call them a cab or have them spend the night at your place—do not let them get behind the wheel.

Only 5.6% of Ohio State students reportedly consume the recommended five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day.

Less than half of Ohio State students reportedly meet the recommendations for moderate-intensity exercise, vigorous-intensity exercise, or a combination of the two.

- It is a violation of Ohio State's Code of Student Conduct to host an out-of-control party, meaning you could potentially face suspension or dismissal from Ohio State. Make sure you are in control of your party at all times. If you even suspect the party is getting out of hand, contact the police for assistance.
- There are many ways to be spirited and enjoy a great party without behaving in disrespectful or irresponsible ways. As an accountable member of the Buckeye community, be safe and party smart!

Rights and Responsibilities continued

Staying Healthy

Being healthy is essential, regardless of what stage of life you are in. With the added stresses of school and work, staying healthy can often be a challenge. Buying your own groceries and planning your meals can be the first step in leading a healthier life. There are a number of grocery stores in close vicinity to campus.

Helpful tips:

1. Never go to the grocery store on an empty stomach.
2. Plan your meals and make a grocery list.
3. Stick with your grocery list.
4. Incorporate all food groups in your diet.
5. Eating in moderation is key.
6. Snack smart.

If your schedule is so hectic that you don't have time to cook, perhaps purchasing a meal plan through the office of University Residences and Dining Services would

Caloric information for drinks and brands varies; this information is based on averages for one drink.

Alcoholic Beverage	Calories
Regular beer (12 oz.)	150
Light beer (12 oz.)	110
Wine (5 oz.)	100
Kahlua liqueur (1.5 oz.)	190
80 proof gin (1.5 oz.)	96
80 proof rum (1.5 oz.)	96
80 proof vodka (1.5 oz.)	96
80 proof whiskey (1.5 oz.)	96
Martini (4 oz.)	160
Daiquiri (6 oz.)	180
Whiskey sour (4 oz.)	160
Long Island iced tea (6 oz.)	350
Margarita (6 oz.)	250

be beneficial to you. There are a variety of options, including the Regional Campus/Off-Campus/Commuter Meal Plan (urds.osu.edu/dining).

Ohio State has several recreational facilities, located in many areas of campus—so there's no excuse not to fit exercise into your daily schedule. Exercise is not only good for your health, but it's also a great way to relieve stress, increase confidence, and lead a well-balanced lifestyle.

The university offers group fitness classes, personal training, aquatics, climbing, intramural sports, sports clubs, and even massage therapy! The Exercise Science Club is a student organization that promotes the health and wellness of all Ohio State students (esc.org.ohio-state.edu).

The Student Wellness Center also offers nutritional counseling—a great, free opportunity for all Ohio State students! Of students surveyed, 100% said they would recommend the nutrition services at the Student Wellness Center to someone they know. The center not only offers information on nutrition, but also on fitness education, eating disorders, and tips and tools that can be applied to any individual.

The City of Columbus' mobile application "My Columbus" includes the Get Active initiative, a great way to access information on upcoming events, park and trail guides, and tips on healthy eating and exercise in Columbus.

You are surrounded by some of the most unique facilities and programs out there. Take advantage and set the stage for a healthy, happy life! 🌟

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The Basics

Paying rent

Paying your rent, and **paying it on time**, is important. NSC suggests never paying rent in cash; always have a paper trail. Paying rent to your landlord and/or to your roommate(s) via check, rather than cash, is ideal because it provides you proof of payment. If you and your roommate(s) are required to submit only one check for rent, rather than individually, be sure to get everyone's share early in order to pay the landlord on time. If you do not pay your rent, the landlord may take action against you. Even if you are having problems with your landlord (for instance, he/she is not making repairs that you requested), you still need to stay up to date on your payments. If you stop paying rent, you may not be able to deposit your rent in escrow or terminate the lease early if the landlord is not fulfilling his/her obligations under the lease. If/when you run into problems, you should seek the advice of Student Legal Services. The staff there will steer you in the right direction—yet another reason to remain enrolled in the SLS program.

Repairs

Your landlord is responsible for making repairs and keeping the unit in a habitable condition. You may contact the landlord in any manner to request the repair(s) be made. However, you must always follow up the request in writing immediately. This is crucial! Once notified in writing, the landlord must make repairs in a reasonable amount of time, typically within 30 days, unless it's an emergency situation. Definitely utilize Student Legal Services if you run into any issues getting repairs completed.

Housing code violations

If you feel your apartment/house does not meet housing code requirements, and you are unable to resolve issues directly with your landlord, you may need to request a Code Enforcement supervisor to visit your property for an inspection. (If you are living in the University District or Victorian Village, contact John Hughes at 614-645-3296 or jphughes@columbus.gov.)

Don't let the bed bugs bite!

Bed bugs are real and can be a major problem. If you suspect that you have bed bugs, or that your neighbor has bed bugs, contact your landlord immediately (and follow up in writing—documentation is key). Professional extermination is the only way to effectively eliminate a bed bug infestation.

Bed bugs are tiny, brown, oval-shaped insects that are often too small to see. If bitten, you may mistake it for a rash (bed bug bites can be red and itchy). If these symptoms appear when you have been sleeping, you may have bed bugs. You also can identify bed bugs by a series of black dots (from droppings) and/or reddish-brown spots on furniture, bedding, and clothing. ✿



What NOT to Do if You Have Bed Bugs

Do not try to use a bug bomb. This will only scatter the bugs.

Do not use boric acid. This does not harm bed bugs.

Do not use pesticides made for garden use. This can be very toxic.

Get Involved!

Getting involved as a student at Ohio State is a vital part of your college career and personal growth. And let's face it: being involved is fun! You can meet new people, make new friends, and learn valuable skills for the future. There is an abundance of opportunities to get involved, regardless of whether you live on or off campus.

A great place to start is the Center for Student Leadership and Service, which offers a wide range of ways to connect with leadership and services activities.

ohiounion.com/get_involved/csls

There are over 1,000 registered student organizations at Ohio State! Thousands of students have found one, two, or even more student organizations that caught their attention and interested them enough to join. Student organizations are yet another fun way to connect with peers, meet a diverse group of people, develop academically, and build lifelong skills.

ohiounion.com/get_involved/student_organizations

The Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB) is another great way to have fun and get involved. OUAB provides a multitude of events for students, including concerts, comedy shows, lectures, social events, and much more. The best part: these are FREE events!

ouab.osu.edu

The Discount Ticket Program (D-Tix) works with sporting events, concerts, and cultural events within Columbus to provide discount tickets to Ohio State students. Some popular deals include the Columbus Zoo, COSI, the Funny Bone Comedy Club, and many local area restaurants. Tickets can be purchased with a valid BuckID at the Ohio Union Information Center.

dtix.osu.edu

The Community Ambassador program, through the office of Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement, is a fantastic way to get involved in



FJI wins 1st place for Greek chapter house in the CA Light up the Night competition

your off-campus community. This is not only a unique opportunity, but a great way to build leadership skills and have a great time. You can apply to be a CA on your street, help your CA with various events and/or efforts, or simply take part in the many fun events held each semester.

offcampus.osu.edu/community-ambassadors/ ✨

Planning to get a job on campus? Did you know this is a great way to get involved and stay connected to what's going on at Ohio State? sfa.osu.edu/jobs

Qualify for work-study? Neighborhood Services and Collaboration is looking for professional, highly motivated students to fill administrative aide positions. E-mail cama.1@osu.edu for more information.

Moving Out

Sublet resources. Sometimes circumstances beyond your control cause a roommate to leave school early. The solution may be to sublease your room or entire rental property.

Neighborhood Services and Collaboration is here to assist you. With your university username and password, you can post an online sublet ad (indicating you are trying to lease the entire rental property) or an online roommate ad (indicating you are trying to sublet one bedroom in a multi-bedroom unit).

What to do when subleasing

1. Be certain your landlord permits subleasing.
2. Talk with your roommates and devise a plan on how the replacement roommate will be chosen.
3. Utilize the NSC website to sublease your property.
4. Sign a sublet contract with the replacement tenant.
5. Attend one of the many roommate fairs held each year. Roommate fairs give students an opportunity to meet potential roommates face to face in a safe, informal setting. For upcoming dates, check the NSC calendar at offcampus.osu.edu.
6. Keep in mind, even when subleasing your room to someone else, you could still be held responsible for the rent and/or any damages to the property. Talk to Student Legal Services to understand the implications of subleasing.



What to do when moving out

Moving out of your apartment/house is a hectic time. Stay organized and follow all proper steps to ensure you have a successful move-out process.

1. Double-check your lease for your defined move-out notice period.
 - Notify the landlord prior to the deadline, in writing, of your intent to stay or to move out after the lease term. Student Legal Services can assist you in drafting this letter to your landlord. If you are planning to leave, you also must provide your landlord a forwarding address for your security deposit to be mailed to you. It is a good idea to get the landlord's acknowledgment of these notifications in writing, to keep for your records. Don't forget: documentation, documentation, documentation!

2. Make sure you pay your last month's rent.
 - You cannot substitute your last month's rent with the already-paid security deposit.
3. Clean the property thoroughly.
 - A thorough cleaning job includes removing all tacks, nails, and tape from the walls. It also includes replacing any light bulbs that are burned out.
 - Once this has been completed—and, ideally, once you move your furniture out, complete a move-out checklist (see pages 59-60) and take pictures/video (just like you did when you moved in) to show in what condition you left the property. If necessary, you and/or the landlord can compare the checklists and photos/video of moving in to moving out. You also want to do a walk-through with the landlord, so that you can inspect the property together. Lastly, don't forget to return the keys!
4. Leave your city garbage container and blue recycling cart at the property.

Your landlord typically has 30 days either to return your security deposit or provide you with a written, itemized explanation of all the deductions made. If, at this time, you do not agree with what the landlord has taken out of your security deposit and/or has charged you for, you should visit Student Legal Services for assistance.

Living off campus can be a wonderful experience filled with great experiences and memories during your college career. Take precautions, stick to a budget, stay involved and engaged with the university and the community, and be a responsible, positive citizen and neighbor. Take pride in being a proud Buckeye at The Ohio State University as well as a proud Buckeye in our community! ✨



Top 10 things to remember when moving off campus:

1. Utilize Neighborhood Services and Collaboration, as well as Student Life offices.
2. Allow Student Legal Services to provide you with a lease review.
3. Document, document, document.
4. Take responsibility for your own safety. Get involved with Buckeye Block Watch and the Community Ambassador program.
5. Get to know your neighborhood.
6. Pick up your free window/door alarms and free safety timers from Neighborhood Services and Collaboration.
7. Get involved on and off campus
8. Lead a healthy, well-balanced lifestyle.
9. Party smart.
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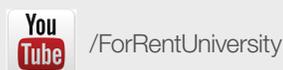
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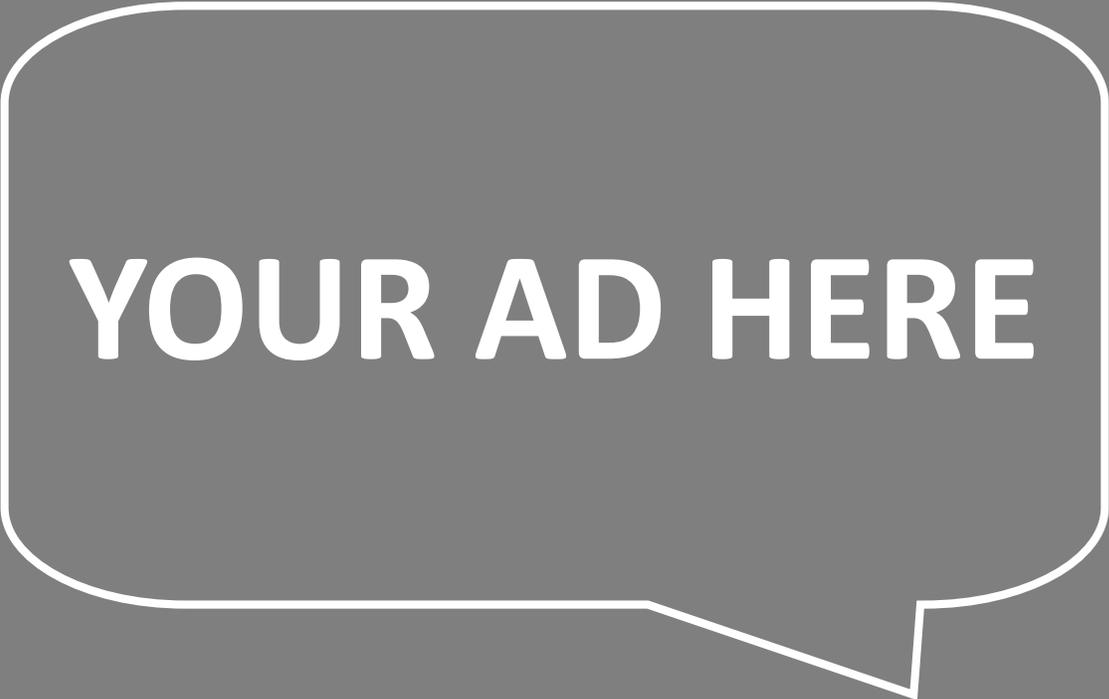
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Move-In/Move-Out Checklist

	Conditions	Entrance	Living Room	Dining Room	Bath 1	Bath 2	Kitchen	Bdrm. 1	Bdrm. 2	Bdrm. 3	Bdrm. 4
Ceiling and Walls	Clean Ceiling										
	Clean Woodwork										
	Clean Walls										
	Ceiling/Walls Cracks										
	Ceiling/Walls Holes										
Windows	Ceiling/Walls Paint										
	Clean/Damaged Window										
	Open/Close Window										
	Window Screen										
	Window Lock										
Doors	Clean/Damaged Blinds										
	Door Sturdiness										
	Door Wear & Tear										
	Door Lock(s)										
	Key Unlock/Lock Door(s)										
Electricity	Working Deadbolt/Chain										
	Light Switch/Lighting										
	Clean/Damaged Light Fixtures										
	Air Conditioning/Heating										
	Functioning Thermostat/Dial										
Appliances	Working/Clean Phonejacks										
	Working/Clean Electrical Outlets										
	Clean/Operating Fireplace										
	Working/Clean Washer/Dryer										
	Working/Clean Refrigerator										
	Working/Clean Microwave										
	Working/Clean Dishwasher										
	Working/Clean Stove Top										
	Working/Clean Oven										

Move-In/Move-Out Checklist continued

	Conditions	Entrance	Living Room	Dining Room	Bath 1	Bath 2	Kitchen	Bdrm. 1	Bdrm. 2	Bdrm. 3	Bdrm. 4
Toilet, Sink, and Shower	Toilet Cleanliness/Functionality										
	Clean Sink										
	Water Pressure in Sink										
	Water Temperature in Sink										
	Clean/Damaged Shower/Bath										
Floor	Water Pressure in Shower/Bath										
	Water Temperature in Shower/Bath										
	Clean/Damaged Tile/Carpet										
Misc.	Clean/Damaged Floor										
	Clean/Damaged Counter Top										
	Clean/Damaged Cupboards										
	Clean/Functioning Pipes										
	Signs of Insects/Rodents										
	Adequate Ventilation (Exhaust Fan)										
	Working Fire Detector										

Tenant Signatures	Room Number
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

Landlord:
Date of Inspection
Move-In Date
Move-Out Date
Housing Address:

Roommate Contract

This document is designed to provide its users the opportunity to establish guidelines related to the details of their living arrangements. It is strongly encouraged that users take time discuss each section honestly and in depth.

This agreement, made on _____ 20____ is a contract between roommates: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Term or Period of Agreement

This agreement is to begin on _____ and will last from _____ to _____. We fully understand and accept the rules and responsibilities of this agreement.

Security Deposit

The security deposit for the rental premises is \$_____. Each tenant will be responsible for a share in the amount of \$_____. We understand that this amount will be returned, less our share of any amount deducted by the landlord for unpaid rent, and/or damages. We accept responsibility for damages that we, our guests, family, and pet(s) cause and will reimburse our roommate(s) for the part of their security deposit withheld for those damages within 30 days of the date of deduction.

Rent and Bedrooms

The total rent amount according to our lease agreement with our landlord is \$_____ per month. The rent will be paid on the ____ day of the month by (designate person) _____. In some cases, roommates do not all pay equal shares of rent. Some choose to pay by the size of bedrooms (bigger bedroom=greater cost).

Utilities

I promise to pay 1/____ of the deposits and/or hook-up charges for all utilities on time.

I promise to pay 1/____ of the monthly utilities (water, gas, electric, cable, and Internet).

Determine who is responsible for collecting each person's share for the utilities. We strongly recommend that no one person puts all utilities in his/her name.

Moving Out

If, for whatever reason, one of the roommates moves out of the dwelling prior to the end of the lease term, he/she will give the other tenants and the landlord a minimum of 60 days' written notice. The person moving out early will pay his/her portion of the monthly rent and utilities for the entire 60-day period, even if leaving sooner. The exception will be if a new roommate moves in before the 60-day period.

It is primarily the responsibility of the departing roommate to look for a replacement who is acceptable to the present roommates and landlord. While the remaining roommates and landlord will have ultimate approval of any new roommate, they understand the need to be reasonable in accepting a replacement roommate.

If a new roommate moves in, all roommates and the landlord must approve this change, and the new roommate must sign his/her name to this contract. The new roommate is obligated to pay a deposit equal to the amount described above in the "Security Deposit" section prior to moving in. This money will be paid directly to the departing roommate. A forwarding address, in writing, should be provided for purposes of security deposit disposition. Keep in mind, some landlords will take possession of the new security deposit until the end of the lease term.

Roommate Contract continued

If moving out of the dwelling and a replacement roommate has not been found, a refund of the security deposit will need to wait until the end of the lease term, or until a replacement roommate is found. Until a replacement roommate signs the lease, and/or the landlord removes the departing roommate from the lease, the departing roommate is not released from certain legal responsibilities to the landlord and/or to the other roommates, including rent and utilities.

Mediation

If any of the roommates breach this contract, all roommates agree to first try to resolve the dispute through mediation. A neutral third party will be mutually agreed upon to act as mediator. The Office of Student Conduct offers a great mediation program. If you have questions, or would like more information on the program, you can reach the office at 614-292-0748.

House Rules

The following are some ideas to help set the boundaries and rules in your house or apartment. These range from cleaning to overnight guests. The office of Neighborhood Services and Collaboration is more than happy to work with all roommates involved in discussing these topics.

Cleanliness/Cleaning Supplies/Cleaning Responsibilities

Draft rules regarding who is responsible for keeping which rooms clean, or set up a cleaning schedule. These can include general rules like “shoes must be removed upon entry” or “vacuum once a week.”

Parking

If there is a limited number of parking spots, how will you decide who gets to park in these spots? If required, who will be responsible for purchasing a city parking permit?

Noise/Study Times

If there are times when you want the room or apartment to be quiet, this should be discussed and drafted into the contract. This is a good time to discuss each individual roommate’s study habits. When will you have study hours?

Privacy/Guests/Overnight Guests

Roommates are entitled to have visitors in their room or apartment; however, it’s important not to abuse this privilege. You might want to set rules about overnight guests, whether they are friends or boyfriends/girlfriends. Discuss the frequency of guests and the duration of their stay.

Smoking/Drinking/Drugs

Openly share your concerns about what is and isn’t allowed in the apartment. Can only those of age have alcohol? What about cigarettes and/or other items?

Parties/Entertaining

Set ground rules for advance notice, frequency, maximum number of guests, off-limit rooms, parties on weekdays, and morning after clean-up. Should a system be devised for serving alcohol (hand stamps, bracelets, etc.) to avoid serving alcohol to minors?

Monthly Budget Plan

	Source	Projected	Actual	Difference
Income	Job 1			
	Job 2			
	Scholarships/Grants			
	Loans			
	Savings			
	Parental Support			
	Other			
	Subtotals			
School Expenses	Tuition			
	Books			
	Supplies			
	Lab Fees			
	Other			
Subtotals				
Food	Groceries			
	Dining Out			
	Other			
Subtotals				
Entertainment	Movies			
	Sporting Events			
	DVD/Video Games			
	Concerts			
	Other			
Subtotals				
Off-Campus Housing Expenses	Rent/Mortgage			
	Electricity			
	Gas			
	Water/Sewer/Waste Removal			
	Working/Clean Dishwasher			
	Cable/Internet			
	Renter's Insurance			
	Laundry			
	Other			
	Subtotals			
Personal Care	Medical			
	Hair/Nails			
	Clothing/Shoes			
	Personal Hygiene Supplies			
	Other			
Subtotals				
Savings	Savings			
	Emergency			
	Other			
Subtotals				
Transportation	Vehicle Payment			
	Auto Insurance			
	Vehicle Tags			
	Fuel			
	Maintenance			
	Travel Expenses			
	Other			
	Subtotals			
Phone Service	Cell Phone			
	Home Phone			
	Others			
Subtotals				
Gifts and Donations	Gifts			
	Donations			
	Others			
Subtotals				
Loans to Pay Back	Student Loans			
	Credit Card			
	Others			
Subtotals				
Totals	Total Income			
	Total Expenses			
	Total Savings/Loss			

Landlord and Utilities Contacts

Our landlord: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Maintenance: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Utility Contact Information:

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Customer Service: 1-800-344-4077
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columbiagasohio.com

American Electric Power

Customer Service: 1-800-277-2177
aepohio.com

Guardian Water and Power

Customer Service: 1-877-291-3141
guardianwp.com

City of Columbus Power and Water

Phone: 614-645-7360
utilities.columbus.gov

Emergency Numbers:

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911

National Hotline for U.S. Poison Control Centers

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1-800-222-1222.info/poisonHelp.asp
Central Ohio (Columbus):

Children's Hospital

Phone: 614-228-1323
columbuschildrens.com

Non-Emergency Police

Phone: 614-645-4545
INFORMATION DESK: 614-645-4760
columbuspolice.org

Division of Fire: Columbus

Phone: 614-221-2345
fire.columbus.gov

OSU Non-Emergency Police

Phone: 614-292-2121
ps.ohio-state.edu

Other Important Numbers

Neighborhood Services and Collaboration

Phone: 614-292-0100
offcampus.osu.edu

Office of Student Life

Phone: 614-292-9334
studentlife.osu.edu

Office of International Affairs

Phone: 614-292-6101
oia.osu.edu

Veteran and Military Student Services

Phone: 614-247-VETS (8387)
veterans.osu.edu

Columbus City Services

Phone: 311
Student Advocacy
Phone: 614-292-1111
osu.edu/advocacy

Campus Escort Service

Phone: 614-292-3322
dps.osu.edu/emergency_procedures/index.php?level=14

Student Legal Services

Phone: 614-247-5853
studentlegal.osu.edu

Student Mediation

Phone: 614-292-0748
studentconduct.osu.edu/page.asp?id=36

Off-Campus Commuter Student Engagement

Phone: 614-292-0100
offcampus.osu.edu/

OSU Student Wellness Center

Phone: 614-292-4527
swc.osu.edu

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