Guide to Community Living

Living in community often means there are certain rules, policies, and procedures residents must be aware of and abide by. It is required that every resident follow the policies and procedures of Campus Living & Learning (CL&L). Students are also responsible for and agree to abide by the information contained in Baylor University’s Student Policies and Procedures.

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COVID-19 Policies and Directives

Due to COVID-19, Baylor University and Campus Living & Learning reserve the right to alter policies in the Guide to Community Living at any time to keep residents and the campus community safe. Campus Living & Learning will notify all residents if changes are made to the Guide to Community Living while the halls are open and occupied.

Disruptive behavior related to COVID-19 will not be tolerated and may result in Student Conduct administrative action and/or removal from the residence halls. Examples of disruptive behavior related to COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, intentionally spreading the virus, failure to comply with directives from Campus Living & Learning staff, and failure to adhere to required safety precautions such as wearing a face covering at all times while in public spaces in the residence halls.

Campus Living & Learning reserves the right to reassign residents to a new residence hall space or quarantine location as deemed necessary by the university.

Due to COVID-19, some Guide to Community Living policies are different this academic year. These policy changes include:

- Overnight visitors are not permitted.
- Residents may not bring guests to a room, suite, or apartment without prior approval from all roommates and suitemates of the room, suite, or apartment.
- Residents may only host one guest at a time to a room, suite, or apartment. In an apartment or suite with six residents, no more than ten people may be in the apartment or suite at a time.
- Residents are required to wear face coverings in all public areas of the residence halls. This includes, but is not limited to, lounges, front desks, hallways, classrooms, reflection rooms, community kitchens, laundry rooms, mail rooms, and elevators. The only exception is for residents with an approved accommodation from the Office of Access and Learning Accommodations.
- Residents may not exceed the posted adjusted occupancy total for public areas in the residence hall.

Please refer to the Baylor University COVID-19 website for the latest updates. -
https://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus/

CL&L Dictionary

Residential Community

A residential community is the physical building and any community spaces within each residence hall. Residential Communities include: Allen/Dawson, Alexander/Memorial, Brooks Residential College, Brooks Flats, Collins, Earle, Kokernot, Martin, Penland, North Russell, North Village, South Russell, Teal Residential College and University Parks Apartments.
**Resident**
A resident is a Baylor student who is living in one of the residential communities. A resident has agreed to the terms of the On-Campus Housing Contract and the policies in the Guide to Community Living, outlined in this document.

**Guest**
A guest is someone who is visiting a resident in one of the residential communities. Guests are required to abide by all university and Campus Living & Learning policies. Guests may include another resident in the community, another Baylor student or resident that does not live in the residential community in which they are visiting, a non-Baylor person, and/or a family member.

**Community Leader (CL)**
The Community Leader serves students in one of Baylor’s residential communities by exemplifying and implementing the policies and values of Campus Living & Learning. The CL provides leadership by fostering community and cultivating relationships, mentoring residents, and facilitating learning through efforts that integrate aspects of diversity, faith development, academics and relationships.

**Residence Hall Director (RHD)**
Residence Hall Directors are full-time master's level professionals who live in the residential communities. These staff members supervise the Community Leaders and work to create an environment that promotes academic success, physical safety, and authentic community. The RHD office can be found in the common area of each community. Residence Hall Directors are excited to get to know residents and make their residential experience a positive one.

**Assistant Residence Hall Director (ARHD)**
Assistant Residence Hall Directors are full-time professional staff members who live in some of the residential communities. The ARHD partners with the Residence Hall Director in overseeing the hall community and is available to support residents.

**Graduate Apprentice Residence Hall Director (GARHD)**
Graduate Residence Hall Directors are full-time graduate students, generally in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program. These students are completing an apprenticeship in addition to their studies and live in the residential communities. They also assist and partner with the Residence Hall Director and are an important resource available to residents.

**Resident Chaplain**
The Resident Chaplains are Truett Seminary students working on a master’s degree to prepare them for ministry. They live in the residential communities and are responsible for assisting residents in spiritual formation and providing a pastoral presence in the communities.

**Faculty-in-Residence (FIR)**
Faculty-In-Residence are full-time, tenured or senior lecturer faculty members who live in every residential community, except for Collins. Each FIR works collaboratively with CL&L leadership and residence hall staff to create diverse residential environments that support learning and faith development through programs and resident interactions.
Faculty Steward
Faculty Stewards are full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty members who live in the residential colleges (HRC, Brooks College, & Teal). The Faculty Steward provides the direction and vision for the college and collaborates with the Residence Hall Director and Program Director to foster academic excellence, intensive faculty-student interaction, and a rich experience steeped in Baylor tradition.

Program Director
Program Directors are full-time student affairs professionals who oversee the daily functions of a specific living-learning community including the admission and retention of residents. The Program Director works in collaboration with the residence hall staff to provide programming and events directly related to the Living and Learning Center’s (LLC) focus and purpose.

Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistants provide support at the residence hall front desk during working hours in Alexander/Memorial, Brooks Residential College, Teal Residential College, and University Parks Apartments. Administrative Assistants perform a variety of administrative tasks for the residential community, such as reserving common areas and managing postal packages for students.

Office Assistant (OA)
Office Assistants are student employees who provide assistance to residents and guests at the residence hall front desk. OAs answer questions, check out resources and games to residents, assist with ID card access issues, and ensure safety and security for the residence hall.

Graduate Academic Mentor
Graduate Academic Mentors are graduate students who live in designated on-campus residential communities to enhance the academic experience for undergraduate students. Graduate Academic Mentors work collaboratively with CL&L leadership, residence hall staff, and the Graduate School, as well as with Academic Support Programs for training.

Baylor University Department of Public Safety Officer
The Baylor University Police Department has a staff of 62 persons, including 37 police officers, 10 dispatchers, 13 Security Officers, an Administrative Manager and a Records Manager. Officers can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 254-710-2222.

Zone Tech and Housekeeping Staff
Zone Techs are assigned to a residential community to perform general maintenance repairs reported within that specific community. Housekeeping staff are assigned to a residential community to uphold cleanliness standards in all common areas, including community bathrooms.

Resident Behavior
Community living is a unique experience that has its own rewards and challenges. Residents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that regards the rights of other students; respects the safety of persons and property; follows all university, local, state, and federal laws; and does not interfere with any other student’s academic pursuits.
The following are examples of conduct that may result in administrative action by Campus Living & Learning and/or disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct Administration. Please note that this list is not exhaustive:

- Interference with, failure to cooperate or comply with, or failure to provide identification to any Baylor administrator, faculty member, staff person, and/or student staff person
- Violating university and/or residence hall policies and procedures
- Providing false information or identification to a university official
- Aiding or encouraging others to violate university and/or residence hall policies
- Being present in a room, suite, apartment or other residential environment where policies are being violated

Campus Living & Learning reserves the right to enforce its On-Campus Housing Contract and may take administrative action in response to student behavior and choices. These administrative actions may include a change in housing assignment or cancellation of the On-Campus Housing Contract. In the event that the On-Campus Housing Contract is canceled, the student will be held responsible for the financial terms of the housing contract. Furthermore, since these actions are contractual in nature, no formal appeals process exists to review the outcome of administrative action by Campus Living & Learning.

If residents have questions about policies or how they are implemented, they can schedule an appointment with their Residence Hall Director or other designated CL&L staff member.

Residence Hall Procedures: Move-in/Move-out

Each residential community has a standard procedure for checking in and out of rooms. While the process listed below is fairly standard, residents should understand that the process may vary slightly by residential community. It is the responsibility of each resident to be familiar with and follow the procedures of each residential community when checking into a room, moving to another room, moving to another residential community, or checking out of a room.

**Move-In Procedures**

Residents are required to check in at the front desk of their assigned residential community and complete the appropriate documentation before occupying a room. When checking into a new room, residents must inspect the furnishings and condition of their room in the CL&L MyHousing Portal. Residents should bring to the attention of a hall staff member any damages or missing items they notice on move-in day and make certain that these notations are included on their room inventory. Failure to complete your room inspection will result in automatic approval of inspection status as indicated by staff. The condition of the room will be evaluated by staff when the resident is checking out and the resident may be charged for any missing furniture and/or damages that were not the result of normal wear and tear.
**Move-Out Procedures**
Residents must vacate their rooms within 24 hours of their last final exam at the end of each semester.

When vacating a room, residents must fill out the appropriate check-out documentation with their Community Leader or at the front desk and return their keys where applicable. Upon moving out of the room, residents will be held responsible for any damages or removal of furnishings that were made during their time in the room.

Roommates are equally responsible for the condition of their rooms. When damages occur, roommates will be charged proportionally for the cost of repairs, unless specific responsibility can be determined.

For the protection of the resident, it is important to follow proper move-out procedures and complete room inventories. It is the responsibility of each resident to schedule a walk through with a hall staff member to take an inventory of his/her room before moving out in order to prevent charges for damages that may occur after the room has been vacated. The Residence Hall Director will make a final inspection of each room. During this final inspection, charges may be assessed for damages.

Failure to check out with a staff member will result in an improper check-out charge plus a lost-key fee where applicable. If a resident does not return their room key, there may be a charge for re-coring the lock. In all room changes, once a student has been notified that they have been assigned to the new room, the student has 48 hours in which to vacate the old room and complete all check-out procedures. Residents who do not plan to return to the residence halls in the spring must go through proper check-out procedures at the end of the fall semester.

**Room Change Requests**
If you are considering a room change, please talk to your Community Leader to explore your options.

**Housing Contracts**
If you have questions about your housing contract, please contact Campus Living & Learning at Living@baylor.edu

**Extended Stay Requests**
Graduating seniors needing to stay until commencement and persons with other extenuating circumstances needing to remain beyond the 24-hour period will need to complete an extended stay request application form. The request application form should be turned in by the provided deadline to their Residence Hall Director for review. Permission for extended stay is granted on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed.

**Personal Property in Resident Rooms**
Residents are to remove all of their belongings when moving out. Residents may leave their possessions in their rooms between the fall and spring semesters provided they are assigned to that room for the spring semester and are registered for classes for the spring semester. Baylor
University is not liable for the loss of personal property left in residential communities between semesters or during holiday breaks.

**Personal Property Insurance**

Baylor University does not provide insurance coverage nor take liability for personal property losses or damages. Therefore, residents should obtain personal property insurance through agents of their choice.

**Abandoned Property**

Any and all property of a resident that is left in his/her residential community room or apartment or in any community space within the residential community after the termination of occupancy for whatever reason may be removed or otherwise disposed of by the university at the risk and expense of the resident. The university shall in no event be held responsible for any property left on the premises by the resident. The resident shall pay to the university, on demand, all expenses in such disposition, including a reasonable charge for storage and/or removal; the university shall not be under any obligation to provide or arrange for storage, and the student consents to the sale, removal, discarding or any other disposition of the property by the university.

**Removal from Housing**

Residents may be removed from housing for several reasons. These include, but are not limited to, cancellation of the On-Campus Housing Contract for conduct outside of community standards, removal from housing by Baylor University’s Office of Student Conduct Administration, or suspension or expulsion from the university. Regardless of the reason for the termination of a resident’s on-campus housing, the resident will be held financially responsible for the full term of the contract unless they meet the criteria listed on the On-Campus Housing Contract.

**Residence Hall Policies: Residential Facilities**

**Care of Facilities**

**Damaging, Destroying, or Defacing Property**

Residents are held responsible for the condition of their rooms and the common/public areas such as the hallways and study rooms. Any resident(s) causing damage will be billed for repairs. In addition to being charged for repairs, they may be subject to administrative action and/or disciplinary sanctions. When no one is willing to accept responsibility for damages caused in a shared area, all residents of a room and sometimes even those of a wing or floor may share in the cost of repairs.

**Decoration Policies**

Any decorating tools which damage surfaces (e.g., carpet tape, duct tape, double stick tape, glue, nails, staples, etc.) are prohibited. Adhesive strips are suggested as a method for securing lightweight decorations to walls and doors in the residence halls as long as residents apply and remove the adhesive strips correctly. Affixing objects to the walls or other room surfaces may pose
safety hazards. If a resident chooses to do so, he/she assumes the personal responsibility for any damage or injury the object may cause.

An individual room may not have more than 30% of the total wall space covered with décor such as, but not limited to, paper, posters, fabric, flags, or drapery. A maximum of one wall can be completely covered with removable vinyl “wallpaper.” Wall coverings cannot damage walls.

Residents should only use spring tension rods for window treatments.

Ceiling fans, other than those provided in select apartments, are not permitted. Similarly, antennas or anything attached to windows or outside of buildings are not allowed.

Residents may not paint the walls, ceilings, floor, or furniture in their assigned living space.

Live Christmas trees are not permitted.

**Room Furniture**

Furniture that is provided in resident rooms and accounted for on a room inventory must remain in the room. Residents are subject to disciplinary action as well as a $25 charge for the unauthorized movement of furnishings or equipment belonging to the residential community, including dismantling of university-owned furniture, in addition to any necessary repair or replacement costs of moved furniture.

Residents may not construct their own lofts or beds or arrange room furnishings using residential community furniture, residential community structures or other construction materials (e.g., cinder blocks, wood, bed risers) in such a way that furniture is supported by other residential community furniture or residential community structures.

Water-filled furniture is not permitted.

**Community Spaces**

In the residential community, public areas such as lobbies, restrooms, TV rooms, study rooms, kitchens, laundry rooms and exercise rooms are provided for the use of the residents. Removal or relocation of any of these items can be considered theft and may be handled by a fine, a charge for replacement and administrative and/or disciplinary action. Personal belongings should not be left unattended. Personal belongings left in community common spaces will be deemed “Abandoned Property” and may be disposed of at the resident’s expense and result in disciplinary action. Behaviors deemed inappropriate by CL&L staff members will be addressed accordingly. Restrictions may apply due to COVID-19 safety protocols.

**Recreational Equipment**

Each front desk has resources, which may include games, cleaning supplies, and equipment, that are available for check-out. Residents are responsible for any resources that they check out from their residential community front desk and may be charged to replace any damaged or lost resources. Restrictions may apply due to COVID-19 safety protocols.
Sun Decks
Sundecks are provided in some residence halls and are open for use during daylight hours. These are the only locations on Campus Living & Learning properties where sunbathing is permitted. Visitors of the opposite gender are not permitted in these areas. Swimsuits are to be worn at all times and cover-ups are recommended while traveling to and from the sundeck area. Restrictions may apply due to COVID-19 safety protocols.

Residence Hall Policies: Safety and Security

Emergency Contact Information
In accordance with Clery Act compliance procedures for missing students from campus housing, residents have the option to identify an individual, other than their parent or guardian, to be contacted by the institution, no later than 24 hours, after the time that the student is determined missing, in accordance with official notification procedures established by the institution.

For residents under 18 years of age, and not an emancipated individual, the institution is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian no later than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing in accordance with this policy.

Baylor University Police Department (BUPD) will notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency (normally the Waco Police Department) no later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined missing in accordance with this policy. When BUPD has been notified and makes a determination a student who is the subject of a missing person report has been missing for more than 24 hours and has not returned to the campus, BUPD will initiate the emergency contact procedures in accordance with the student's designation.

Student contact information is registered confidentially. This information is only accessible by authorized campus officials, and it may not be disclosed, except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation.

Baylor University provides each student with the means and opportunity to register their confidential Missing Student contact information by logging into the Bearweb link at https://www.baylor.edu/bearweb and filling out the Address and Contact Information form.

Health and Safety Inspections
Campus Living & Learning staff will conduct health and safety inspections for all spaces in residence halls and apartments. Health and Safety checks will be conducted in resident rooms each semester. Checks will be announced at least 48 hours in advance. All inspections are conducted for the purpose of compliance with university health and safety standards and policies.

Propping or Disabling Doors
In order to ensure safety & security in our residential communities, propping or disabling exterior doors to residential communities is prohibited, as is propping or disabling interior doors that are part of the egress path to exit the building. These include, but are not limited to, wing doors and stairwell doors. Additionally, it is prohibited for a resident to allow someone they do not know or someone who does not live in the building and is not their guest to enter the building behind them. All guests should be escorted by the resident they are visiting at all times.
For on-campus apartments that have exterior doors, the exterior doors to the apartment should not be propped open. The screen doors leading to back porches or patios may be left open in good weather as long as the resident is present. Apartment residents should keep all exterior doors closed and locked when the apartment is not occupied.

Residents in any suites/apartments are encouraged to lock and secure their interior door when they are not present. However, residents are encouraged to open or prop their interior door while they are present to build community within their apartment.

**Extension Cords**

Only power-strip/surge protectors with on/off switches are allowed as long as they are plugged directly into the wall outlet. Lamps with outlets are allowed. Extension cords and multi-plug outlet covers are not allowed on campus, including residence halls. Fridges, microwaves, and MicroFridges must be plugged directly into wall outlets.

**Smoke Detectors**

Residents should not test the smoke detector; this will cause a response by Baylor Police, Waco Fire Department and university officials. Residents should not cover, dismantle, or otherwise tamper with residential community smoke detector equipment. If a resident believes that there is a concern or problem with their smoke detector, they should report the problem through the online maintenance request system, to a residence hall staff member, or to the residential community front desk.

**Fire Prevention Strategies**

Items that are a potential fire hazard are prohibited in residential communities. The list includes but is not limited to:

- Candles (unless wicks are completely removed)
- Space heaters
- Halogen Lamps
- Open flames such as matches, lighters, etc.
- Use or possession of incense
- Use or possession of fireworks or firecrackers
- Use or possession of combustible paints or liquids, including lighter fluid
- All types of grills. Residents are only permitted to use community charcoal grills
- Doors that are over 50% covered with paper, posters, etc.
- Total walls that are more than 30% covered with paper, posters, etc.
- The use or possession of tobacco, e-cigarettes, hookahs, or any other item that emits smoke
- Mopeds, motorcycles, motor-scooters, or other gas combustible engines within the hall or apartment community
• Appliances with exposed heating elements, including but not limited to, space heaters, heating lamps, toasters, griddles, waffle makers, George Foreman Grills, camping burners/stoves, and electrical zappers for flies or insects

• Remote control devices, such as drones, which may trigger sprinklers

Fire Drills
Campus Living & Learning will conduct fire drills in all residence halls each semester. Fire drills will not be announced ahead of time. All students are required to exit the building when the fire alarm sounds.

Room Entry
The university reserves the right to enter residence hall rooms and apartments to check general conditions, to perform custodial service, to make repairs, to clear a space for a new resident, to handle emergencies, to ensure compliance with university rules and regulations or if there is reason to believe that a health or fire hazard exists. Entry under the above conditions will not be used as a means to search a room for prohibited items.

Where there is legitimate reason, however, university officials reserve the right to search a room with the consent of the occupying resident or with the written authorization of the President of the University or the Vice President for Student Life. When possible, it is desirable for the resident to be present when a search is made. During official closedown periods, residence hall staff members will check all rooms prior to closing the building to make certain that rooms are secured and that proper closedown procedures have been followed.

Campus Living & Learning staff members or appropriate university officials reserve the right to confiscate items which they deem to be offensive, harmful, or a violation of Campus Living & Learning or university policies. Following notification of such action, residents will have two weeks to arrange for alternate storage off-campus. Some items may be retained indefinitely if criminal or student conduct charges are pending. Following this time period, Campus Living & Learning may dispose of any and all confiscated property without financial liability.

Residence Hall Policies: Student Responsibilities

Bathrooms

Community Bathrooms
It is the responsibility of each resident to help keep the community bathrooms clean and usable for other residents between scheduled cleaning by Baylor Housekeeping. Community bathrooms are cleaned daily on weekdays. Guests of the opposite gender may not use community bathrooms. Residents should report any concerns or problems with the community bathroom to a residence hall staff member or submit a work order. Toilet paper is provided in community bathrooms. Usage restrictions may apply due to COVID-19 safety protocols.
Suite/Private/Apartment Bathrooms
It is the responsibility of each resident in the room or suite to clean and maintain the connecting or private bathroom facility. Toilet paper and cleaning supplies are not provided in connecting or private bathrooms.

Bicycles
Bicycle racks are provided outside each residence hall. Residents may store their bicycles in their room with the agreement of their roommate(s). Residents may not store their bicycles in hallways, stairways, bathrooms, or community storage closets. It is prohibited for residents to secure their bicycles to handrails, benches, or trees. The university may remove at the owner's expense any bicycle improperly secured to anything other than a designated bike rack. Residents are encouraged to use a U-Lock to secure their bicycles to bike racks. Campus Living & Learning is not responsible for stolen bicycles.

Email
Campus Living & Learning will communicate with each resident through their Baylor University email account. In accordance with Baylor University's ITS policy, "Baylor University may send official correspondence via e-mail to faculty, staff or students using the e-mail address as assigned by Baylor University. Each faculty, staff or student is personally responsible for checking his or her e-mail on a regular basis for receipt of official University correspondence."

Residents will be held responsible for any and all communication sent to their Baylor University Email account, including mail from Living@Baylor.edu (the official CL&L email account).

University Issued Appliances
Many of the apartment and suite style residences have a full kitchen with a variety of appliances offered. Additionally, most residential communities have a community kitchen that is available for the residents to use. Residents should keep the following in mind when using university provided appliances:

Dishwasher
Use only dishwasher detergent in the dishwasher.

Garbage Disposal
Not all kitchen sinks have garbage disposals. If there is not a garbage disposal, residents should dispose of all food in the trash and only pour liquids down the sink. Cold water should always be run when the garbage disposal is in use. Only small amounts of biodegradable food can be put down a garbage disposal. All other items should be disposed of in the trash.

Refrigerator
Residents should wipe down the interior of the refrigerator periodically with a solution of baking soda and water. Residents should keep seals on the doors clean to ensure doors close tightly and to avoid mildew. Putting too many items at the rear of the fridge can cause circulation problems.
**Microwave/MicroFridge**

Microwaves (except for approved MicroFridges) are only permitted in kitchens. Furthermore, there can only be one MicroFridge or mini fridge per room. Please contact your Residence Hall Director to seek a medical exemption for an additional appliance.

**Heating and Cooling**

Residents who have control of their room or apartment thermostat should keep the thermostat set between 72° and 76°. Residents are prohibited from tampering with the thermostat outside of the approved range. Windows of apartments at University Parks may be left open to help ventilate the apartment. Windows in all other apartments or residence halls should remain closed for the safety of the community and the efficiency of the building's heating and cooling systems.

**Keys and Access**

**Policies regarding keys and ID cards**

Staff will add access to a resident's student ID card for their assigned building and room when they move in. Where applicable, staff may also issue room keys. The student ID card and key are the responsibility of the resident and should be carried at all times. Residents should never leave their rooms unlocked. A resident may not loan their key or student ID card to another individual to use for any reason. In addition to not loaning their key or student ID card to anyone to use, a resident may not give anyone access to the building and/or their room by any other means.

In addition to bedroom keys and student ID card access that are issued to residents in apartment/suite style housing, some residential communities issue residents a key for their mailbox. These key related items are considered university property and may not be shared with others.

Residents are responsible for their keys at all times and must return them at time of check out. Failure to return any other issued keys will result in a lock-change for the mailbox or apartment for which the student will be billed.

**Lockouts**

For those facilities that use a Baylor ID for entry, a temporary unlock code may be retrieved on the student's own device from the "unlock my door" website – www.idcard.baylor.edu. Only resident(s) of a particular room are permitted to retrieve and/or use unlock codes for that room. Residents should not share unlock codes that they retrieve for their room with any other individual. Only occupants of a given room space should access that space.

In some residential communities that use hard keys, a resident who is locked out of his/her room may check out a temporary key from the front desk by presenting his/her picture ID. The key must be returned and signed back in within 15 minutes. A key to a room will be issued only to a resident of that particular room.

Residents may not duplicate university keys or tamper with locks.
**Lost ID Cards**
If a resident's ID card is lost, damaged or does not perform needed functions as expected, the resident should take it to the Parking and Transportation Services office located in Room 190 on the first floor of the Speight Garage. Replacement cards can be issued from the Parking and Transportation Services office. There is a $20 fee to replace a lost or damaged card.

**Lost Keys**
Residents should immediately report to the residence hall staff if they have lost a key. A lost key will usually result in the lock being changed for the safety and security of the space. The resident will be charged a lock change fee to their student account.

**Parking**
Parking permits are virtual and are connected to the vehicle license plate number. Parking permits belong only to the student who purchased it and cannot be transferred to another student. If a resident gets a new vehicle or new license plates, they should update their parking account as soon as possible at [www.baylor.edu/parking](http://www.baylor.edu/parking).

Baylor parking permits may be obtained online at [www.baylor.edu/parking](http://www.baylor.edu/parking).

Purchasing a Vehicle Parking Permit does not guarantee a parking place nor does the absence of a parking space constitute a valid justification for violation of parking regulations. Residents are prohibited from washing and/or repairing their vehicle on university property. Students are only allowed to park in student designated parking spaces according to their permit permissions. Additionally, no boats, trailers, campers, motor homes, or other recreational vehicles may be parked on the premises.

**Quiet Hours**

**Courtesey Hours**
All of our residential communities observe courtesy hours 24 hours per day. Noise should be maintained at a reasonable level at all times. Any actions that infringe on the rights of others to sleep or study will be addressed by the hall staff.

Speakers or other sound equipment may not be at a volume that disrupts the community.

**Quiet Hours**
Quiet Hours have been established in all residential communities to ensure that residents have the opportunity to exercise their primary rights to sleep and study in their own rooms and apartments.

At a minimum, quiet hours are from 11:00 PM until 10:00 AM daily. Residents are responsible for knowing the quiet hours for their community.

During Quiet Hours, noise should be limited to a level which could not disturb the nearest neighbor's attempts to sleep or study. This standard will be upheld whether or not the neighbors are present.

Twenty-four hour quiet hours are observed during study days and finals for each semester. Beginning and ending dates will be posted in each facility.
Roommate Communication

Roommates and suitemates should arrange times to discuss one another’s needs, expectations and common courtesies in the living situation and complete the Roommate Agreement provided by their Community Leader upon move-in. Topics that might be helpful for roommates to discuss would be their schedules, cleaning expectations, and guests.

Roommate Conflict

Residents who are experiencing persistent conflicts with their roommate(s) are highly encouraged to discuss problems and concerns with their roommate(s). However, Community Leaders and Residence Hall Directors are available for assistance if needed. We encourage residents to use the following steps when approaching a roommate conflict:

**Step 1:** Speak to the person causing the interference and courteously request that the behavior be modified.

**Step 2:** If the request does not produce satisfactory results, contact a CL for assistance.

Trash

Residents are responsible for taking out their own trash either to the trashcans in the trash rooms of their residential community or to the dumpsters located near their residential community. Trash rooms and trashcans located in the residential communities are for the disposal of smaller bags of trash. Large bags of trash or large items such as pizza boxes should not be placed in trash rooms but taken directly to the outside dumpsters. If at any time the trashcans provided in the residential communities are full, residents should take their personal trash directly out to the provided dumpsters and not overfill the trashcans. Medical needles and related items must be placed in a sharps box before being placed in community trashcans or dumpsters.

Visitation Privileges

Guests are welcome in the public (lobby) areas of each residential community at any time for academic and social activities as long as they are with their resident. Guests should be escorted by the resident they are visiting at all times. Due to COVID-19, guests are not permitted in your assigned space without prior approval of roommates and/or suitemates. Residents may only host one guest at a time.

Campus Living & Learning provides the privilege for students to host guests of the opposite gender during specific times for the purposes of collaborative study, spiritual enrichment, and social interaction. These times are limited to the following days/hours:

Sunday – Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 am

Other visitation times may be designated for special occasions. Times for special visitation will be posted in advance. Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests, whether overnight, from another hall or from off campus; they will be liable for any damages and/or held responsible for any policy infractions caused by their guests.
Visitation privileges are suspended during extended break periods: Thanksgiving Break, Semester Break (for continuous housing students), and Spring Break.

**Overnight Guests**

Due to COVID-19, until further notice, overnight guests are not permitted in the residence halls.

Should COVID-19 restrictions be lifted, this is the overnight guest policy: Residents may have up to two overnight guests as long as their guest is at least 18 years of age, of the same gender, and the resident has received their roommate’s approval to have an overnight guest. However, guests may not stay overnight in the residence halls on a consistent or frequent basis. The following overnight guest guidelines must be adhered to:

- Guests may not stay longer than three nights per semester
- A resident is responsible for the behavior of his/her guest and will be liable for any damages and/or held responsible for any policy infractions caused by the guest
- A guest may not check out a key
- Guests are not permitted to stay overnight in the residence halls before the first class day, during finals or after the last class day of each semester
- Guests must be escorted through the hallways as any other non-resident, non-staff member would be

Guests under the age of 18 years of age are only permitted for specially approved university events. Written permission must be granted by the Director of Campus Living & Learning.

**Windows**

Residents should ensure windows are closed and locked at all times for both the safety of the community and to prevent impairing the complex heating and cooling system of the residential facility. Students are prohibited from displaying any inappropriate or obscene material in their window. Political material is permitted if it is not disruptive, inappropriate, or obscene.

**Prohibited Items and Behaviors**

**Alcohol and Other Drugs**

Baylor University policy prohibits the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, transfer, or purchase of a controlled substance or designer drug on or off the campus. This includes but is not limited to prescription medication without an appropriate prescription and the storage and brewing of any alcoholic beverage (included but not limited to the brewing of beer and Kombucha).

Possession or use of any consumable hemp products on university property or non-campus property owned or controlled by the University is not permitted. (Note: Products that are FDA approved for use as food ingredients or cosmetics are permitted on university property. Hemp-derived products that are legally produced and/or sold in Texas, but not approved by the FDA for
use as food ingredients or cosmetics, such as CBD oil, may be stored in privately owned or leased motor vehicles parked on a street or driveway or in a Baylor parking lot or parking garage. The university prohibits the possession of such products by students in premises that it owns or controls.)

It is also a violation of university policy for anyone to possess, use or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage on the campus (which includes the apartments) or at a university-related activity off campus, regardless of age. Anyone violating these policies is subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action. In addition, alcoholic and/or drug paraphernalia are not permitted in any residential communities. This includes alcoholic beverage containers used for decorative purposes, posters, signs, or rugs. Possession of these items may result in administrative and/or disciplinary action.

**Appliances**

Residential spaces without individual kitchens are not equipped to cook full meals. Most electrical appliances will place strain on the wiring system, which creates a fire hazard. A public kitchen is available in each residence hall. Most kitchens have an oven, refrigerator, and microwave. All appliances used in residence halls must be U.L. approved and should be properly maintained by the student. Fridges, microwaves, and MicroFridges must be plugged directly into wall outlets.

**Residential Spaces without Kitchens**

For any residential spaces without kitchens, the following policies regarding kitchen appliances apply.  This policy refers to any room within Allen, Dawson, Memorial, Alexander, Collins, Kokernot, Brooks Residential College, Martin, Penland, North Russell, and South Russell. Additionally, this policy refers to any suite or double room in North Village, Earle, or Teal Residential College without a full kitchen.

**Allowed:**

- Air popcorn poppers
- Hot pots
- Approved MicroFridge units
- Personal coffee pots (no larger than 12 cups) including a Keurig
- Electric Kettles with automatic shut-off
- Refrigerators which use no more than 1.5 amps and are no more than 36 inches tall
- Only one MicroFridge unit is permitted in a room

**Prohibited:** Please note that this is not an exhaustive list

- Any appliance with an exposed heating element
- Space heaters
- Crockpots/ rice cookers
- Deep Freezers
- Deep Fryers
- Electric Skillets
- George Foreman Grills
- Griddles
- Hot plates
- Stand Alone Microwaves
- Toasters (pop-up and ovens)

**Residential Spaces with Kitchens**
Residents living in an apartment with a full kitchen must adhere to the following list of approved and prohibited items. This policy refers to units with full kitchens in North Village, Earle, Teal Residential College, Brooks Flats, and University Parks communities.

**Allowed:**
- All Items allowed in residential spaces without kitchens (see above)
- Pop-up toasters
- Microwaves (these are provided in almost all apartment kitchens)
- Crockpots/ rice cookers
- George Foreman Grills/ Electric Skillets

**Prohibited:** – note that this is not an exhaustive list
- Space heaters
- Deep Freezers
- Deep Fryers
- Hot plates
- Toaster Ovens

**Gambling**
Consistent with Baylor University's Student Conduct Code, residents will not unlawfully conduct, organize, or participate in an activity involving a game of chance, including but not limited to, gambling, casino or sports wagering.

**Disruptive Behavior**
The following behavior is not permitted inside any residential community. This includes, but is not limited to:
Athletic activities in the apartments, residence hall, or parking lot

Roughhousing

The use of any type of stick to strike a ball

The use of any type of ball or Frisbee

Pranks

Riding bicycles or skateboards in the residence hall

Shaving cream and powder fights

Throwing, dropping, or hanging objects from windows

Water fights

Water balloons

**Hammocks**

Hammocks may only be used in designated areas on campus. Hammocks may not be hung in residential rooms or outdoor structures of a residence hall not specifically designated for hammock use.

**Misuse of University Property**

Students should be aware of and refrain from the following misuses of university property:

- Tampering with any university property, including security and fire safety equipment. Such actions can result in a $500 fine and removal from housing with no refund of the On-Campus Housing Contract fee.

- Hanging clothes, rugs, towels or other items from life safety equipment such as fire sprinklers, window openings, security bars, porch swings, shrubbery, or pipes.

- Unauthorized entry into secured or restricted areas or areas not open to the general public, including but not limited to vacant residential rooms within residence halls.

- Dismantling door hinges in residential rooms. Tampering with hinges is a fire hazard and can result in fines or disciplinary action.

**Motorcycles, Mopeds, and Hoverboards**

Mopeds, motorcycles, gas combustible engines, and any type of flammable fuels are not permitted inside any residential community. Further, these vehicles are prohibited from parking on walkways or near doorways.

The use of hoverboards, self-propelled scooters, self-balancing scooters, and other similar lithium battery-powered transportation devices are not permitted inside any residential facility. Lithium battery-powered transportation devices may not be stored in any residential facility unless it is UL certified (UL-2272 standard).
Obscene Material
Obscene material, including but not limited to, pornographic literature, X-rated movies, posters depicting full or partial nudity, displays of profanity (verbal or written), and language or images that are offensive to others are prohibited from all on-campus residential communities. This standard also applies to obscene material on computers.

Pets
Pets are not permitted in any residential facility or on the complex grounds, with the exception of fish kept in a ten-gallon or smaller tank. Friends or relatives who visit will need to make other arrangements if their pets are with them. Harboring pets could result in administrative and/or disciplinary action. Residents who have been approved to have service animals on campus should be referred to the Office of Access and Learning Accommodations for regulations and approval.

Sexual Conduct
Campus Living & Learning supports the Baylor University Policy on Sexual Conduct, which can be found at: https://www.baylor.edu/risk/doc.php/339238.pdf.

Solicitation, Posting, & Student-Run Businesses
Soliciting in residential communities is restricted to protect residents from unwanted disturbances. Soliciting on the wings of the hall (residential areas) is strictly prohibited unless prior approval is obtained under the Campus Solicitation Policy. Residents should report all solicitors to the hall front desk or Baylor Department of Public Safety at 710-2222.

Campus organizations or individuals desiring to post notices or sell items in the residence hall lobbies must receive written permission from the Student Activities Office and then submit the related paperwork to the Campus Living & Learning office for approval.

Residents cannot use the residence hall to advertise, promote, or operate a business venture which may include but is not limited to renting out on-campus rooms using websites like Airbnb, running a day care, food service operations, and/or direct sales business.

Smoking
Consistent with Baylor University's Student Conduct Code, the use of all tobacco products are banned on all property that is owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by the university. Furthermore, tobacco, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, dipping, pipes, or related paraphernalia is not permitted in residence halls. Violations of this policy may be addressed through administrative action and/or disciplinary action.

Electronic Cigarettes
The use or storage of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are not permitted in any residential community.

Hookahs
Consistent with Baylor University's Student Conduct Code, hookahs, bongs, and water pipes are not permitted anywhere on campus, including residence halls.
Theft of State & Local Property
Possession of stolen property is illegal and can result in administrative and/or disciplinary action and criminal charges. Traffic equipment, building signs, business signs, dining hall cups, plates, and utensils, etc., are examples of stolen property not permitted in residential communities. Street signs, fire hydrants, and construction cones not purchased by the resident, as evidenced by bill of sale, are subject to removal and reporting to the Baylor University Police Department and Student Conduct Administration.

Weapons/Explosives
Weapons are prohibited in the residence halls. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Air rifles
- BB guns
- Paintball guns
- Dart guns
- Blow guns
- All gun accessories and components (shell casings, bullets, scopes)
- Non-Kitchen knives (kitchen knives need to be less than 5 ½ inches)
- Steel-tipped darts
- Nerf guns
- Pellet pistols
- Pepper spray
- Bows and arrows
- Shot guns
- Sling shots
- Stun guns
- Swords
- Water balloon catapults or launchers

Furthermore, explosives, including ammunition and fireworks, are not permitted on campus, including university operated student mailboxes. Possession or use of these items will result in administrative and/or disciplinary action. Students should consult the Student Conduct Code for weapons prohibited on campus.
Charges for Damages

The following table includes an example of the approximate charges for damages or repairs that must be made due to neglect or abuse by residents. Charges may increase or decrease dependent on the extent of the damage. This list is not exhaustive. Please direct any questions you may have to your hall staff.

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<td>Room space not cleaned (dusting, mopping, or vacuuming needed)</td>
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