

Update to Appliance and Electronic Device Guidelines for Residence Halls

Recent years have seen a substantial increase in the number and types of electrical cooking appliances and personal care devices being used in the rooms. Often these items are not energy efficient and add a significant electrical load to our systems. As a result, the residence hall electrical device guidelines have been modified. Changes have been implemented to help ensure the safety of our residents, and to assist in having uninterrupted utilities.

It is understood that these changes may impact your daily schedule. Each residence hall will be equipped with a K-cup coffee maker and electric tea kettle for your regular use. Each laundry room will be equipped with ironing boards and irons. In addition, we are currently in the process of exploring space within the residence halls to develop additional areas in which popular appliances can be provided for use.

Please see the specific information below regarding electrical devices, which lists what are and are not allowed in residence hall rooms.

<i>Items ALLOWED in rooms:</i>	<i>Items NOT ALLOWED in rooms:</i>
<p>Entertainment and Communication Devices: Computers Televisions Cell phones Tablets Gaming consoles UPS devices Radios and stereos Make sure that electrical cords are in good repair before use.</p>	<p>Electrical Cooking Appliances: Microwaves Coffee makers Electric kettles or water heaters Rice cookers/steamers Electric skillets Electric grilles (George Foreman grilles and similar) Toasters and toaster ovens Hotplates Popcorn poppers Slow cookers and “hot pots”</p>
<p>Food Storage: one mini refrigerator per room will be provided by University Housing. Please plug them directly into the wall outlet.</p>	<p>Decorations: Decorative lighting Holiday lights Oil lamps (lava lamps)</p>
<p>Beauty/Hair Care: Blow dryers, clothing irons, curling irons, hair straighteners, curlers, and garment steamers should be used in the bathrooms rather than the residence rooms. Bathrooms have sufficient electrical outlets to accommodate these items.</p>	<p>Portable Heating Devices: Space heaters are not allowed in rooms. University Housing will provide space heaters should a heating outage occur.</p>
<p>Lighting: Desk lamps with compact fluorescent or LED bulbs Task lights with compact fluorescent bulbs or LED incandescent bulbs</p>	

Additional Safety Steps:

- Never cover lamps with clothing, paper, curtains and/or other things that may burn.
- Don't run electrical cords under rugs or against furniture where they may be pinched or walked on.
- Keep furniture placed a sufficient distance away from electrical plugs so that the cords are not sharply bent or pressed.
- Make sure all electrical cords are in good repair before use.

Thank you in advance for adhering to these new guidelines.

This guideline notice serves as a campus update to the Appliance and Electronic Device Community Standard, page 10, *University Housing Resident Handbook and Community Standards Guidelines*.