UTA HOUSING HANDBOOK

For Apartments & Houses

2016-2017

(Not Applicable to The Heights on Pecan or Timber Brook Apartments)
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**WELCOME**
Welcome to Apartment Life at the University of Texas at Arlington! To ensure that your stay in our apartments and houses is a positive experience, we have put together this handbook to inform you of the opportunities available to you in your community and the responsibilities you have as a resident and community member.

The most enjoyable thing about living on campus is the variety of people you will meet. We hope you will become engaged in the many activities that are offered throughout the year so you can benefit from the many cultures that are represented in our apartment communities. We feel this diverse population will enlighten your time at UT Arlington. While we hope you have fun and get the most out of your time living on campus, please remember that as your community staff, we promote academic excellence as a first priority! If you have any questions, the staff will be happy to assist you. Please read this handbook thoroughly. You are responsible for the information in this book and any written updates to the handbook issued during the year.

**DEPARTMENT OF APARTMENT AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

**Mission Statement**
The Department of Apartment and Residence Life is committed to upholding and promoting the University’s mission by providing programs and services that foster living environments which encourage civility, academic achievement, character, engagement, and independence.

Apartment and Residence Life is a department in the Division of Student Affairs. The mission of the Division of Student Affairs is to foster student success and lifelong learning through inclusive programs, services, traditions, and events that engage students in the University community and support their academic goals.

**Staff**

**Director of Apartment and Residence Life**
The Director of Apartment and Residence Life provides all direction for ARL, which includes staffing, programming, budget, conduct, and student development. The Director of Apartment and Residence Life reports to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Assistant Director**
The Assistant Director of Apartment Life (AD) is a full-time, professional staff member and is responsible for supervising Residence Directors in their respective communities throughout the campus. The Assistant Director has a substantial role in the administrative operations of the Apartment and Residence Life program, including: policy development, campus committee work, and staff and student development. This individual is responsible for the smooth and efficient operation of all 1033 apartments and 9 houses which house more than 2000 students. Furthermore, the Assistant Director counsels students on personal and academic issues, works closely with Housing Operations, and Facilities Management. The Assistant Director works closely with the Office of Student Conduct to track and maintain records related to student conduct issues for students living on campus. The Assistant Director reports to the Associate Director of Apartment and Residence Life.

**Residence Directors**
Residence Directors are full-time, professional staff members who live in our apartment communities. These individuals are responsible for the overall smooth and efficient operation of a specific area of communities, supervising Resident Assistants, counseling students on personal and academic issues, coordinating community activities, and utilizing the conduct process when necessary. They oversee facilities issues and concerns. The Residence Director reports to an Assistant Director for Apartment Life.
Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants (RAs) are student leaders who have experienced living on campus. Resident Assistants are selected on the basis of leadership, experience, scholarship, and the desire to help residents realize their potential for self-development through community living. Students living in our apartments and houses are provided a specific RA in their community who is there to assist them. RAs are responsible for promoting a supportive academic environment, developing community among residents, referring students to campus resources, upholding university and apartment life policies, completing administrative tasks to include checking residents in and out of their apartments, and providing social and educational programming for their residents. The Resident Assistants report to the Residence Director.

Office Assistants

Office Assistants (OAs) are student leaders who are responsible for various administrative tasks and front office operations within the apartment community. Office Assistants are responsible for conducting move in and move out inspections, maintaining files for each apartment, and providing administrative support to the Residence Director. OAs also assist with community events and programs. Office Assistants report to a Residence Director.

Website

The Department of Apartment and Residence Life’s website contains valuable information about your experience living on campus. Residents are encouraged to visit the Apartment and Residence Life website for important information about your community, a calendar of events, and links to housing information. The website is www.uta.edu/housing.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Meadow Run and University Village On Call RA Phone Number 817-690-9389
East Campus Apartments – RA’s

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<td>817-522-4213</td>
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EAST CAMPUS APARTMENTS RA ON CALL PHONE 817-690-9346

Professional Staff

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<td>East Campus Assistant Residence Director</td>
<td>The Lofts at College Park</td>
<td>817-272-6603</td>
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<td>Residence Director for Meadow Run and University Village</td>
<td>Meadow Run Clubhouse</td>
<td>817-272-1824</td>
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<td>Residence Director for Arbor Oaks, Timber Brook, and Cooper Chase</td>
<td>Arbor Oaks Clubhouse</td>
<td>817-272-1677</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assistant Director for Apartment Life</td>
<td>Arlington Hall Suite 100</td>
<td>817-272-2926</td>
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Other Numbers

| Facilities Management Call Center (Fix-It Line) | 817-272-2000 |
| University Housing (Leasing Questions)         | 817-272-2791 |
| UTA Police - Emergency                          | 817-272-3003 |
| UTA Police Non-Emergency                        | 817-272-3381 |

YOUR APARTMENT HOME and COMMUNITY

Alterations or Improvements to Property
No alterations, improvements, or additions to the interior or exterior of the premises, furniture, or equipment are permitted without the written consent of the Executive Director of Auxiliary Services. You must submit a detailed request to housing@uta.edu and receive written approval before making any changes. If approved, you will be responsible for the cost of such alterations, changes, or additions. In most cases, the improvements will become part of the premises and the property of the University and will remain upon termination of the Lease Agreement. For the purpose of this rule, carpets secured to the floor of the premises, by any means, will be considered an improvement.

Antennas or Satellite Dishes
Antennas or satellite dishes may not be installed on the apartment building our house or placed outside of the apartment.
Bicycles
Bicycles are not permitted on outside balconies or walkways and may only be chained to university provided bicycle racks or kept inside the apartment. Residents should use care when storing bicycles inside the apartment to protect the carpet from grease and soiling. Bicycles kept on-site are done so at resident's sole risk of loss or damage. Bicycles that appear to be abandoned or damages (EX: flat tires, rusted) will be removed from bike racks.

Bulletin Boards
Each apartment community has a notice board. This allows us to communicate with you through general notices. The notice board is for apartment use only. You should read the board frequently for such things as extermination schedules, upcoming community events, University activities, as well as University Housing and RA Notices. If you wish to post any notice, please obtain permission from your RA first.

Carpet Care
Carpet is evaluated during the make ready process prior to resident move in. Carpets showing significant evidence of damage, wear, and permanent stains will be replaced. Carpets that are soiled with minimal wear or other imperfections, but are in otherwise serviceable condition, will be cleaned. In either case, it is expected that the carpet will not require cleaning or replacement for at least 18 months from commencement of resident occupancy. By acceptance of the apartment at resident move-in, residents are accepting the carpet condition as suitable for a period of at least 18 months.

Residents should properly care for the carpet in their residence by doing the following:
- Vacuuming on a regular basis (at least once per week).
- Immediately address any spills or other stains by blotting the area with a clean cloth and cold water. Use a non-bleach carpet product to spot clean if necessary. (Note: Residents should use caution when using carpet cleaning products to avoid bleaching or destroying the carpet. Should further damage be done to the carpet during attempts to clean spots or stains, the leaseholder may be responsible to pay for carpet replacement.)

At the time of move out, the carpet is inspected by Facilities Management and if the carpet was not properly cared for during occupancy, it may be determined that the carpet must be replaced. (See Also “CARPET REPLACEMENT”).

Cleaning Expectations
Residents are expected to maintain good housekeeping at all times. Inspections are done once per semester, but could be done at any time if cleaning issues are identified by the Apartment Life staff, Facilities Management staff, or contractors. Failure to maintain your residence in the appropriate manner may result in cleaning fines and/or referrals to Community Standards.

Semi-Annual Cleaning and Sanitation Inspections
The primary purpose of this inspection is to review your residence for any cleaning or sanitation conditions which may require remedy. Unsafe conditions, maintenance problems, or lease violations may also be noted. Residents are responsible to maintain their residence in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition. Below is a list of items that are reviewed during the time of inspection.

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<td>Discard aluminum foil or other materials that are covered with grease.</td>
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<td>Degrease and clean oven inside and out.</td>
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<td>Clean stove top, including drip pans.</td>
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<td>Clean under stovetop.</td>
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<td>Degrease and clean vent-a-hood and grease screen.</td>
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<td>Degrease and clean refrigerator inside and out. Remove any mold or mildew.</td>
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<td>Clean dishwasher. Remove any mold or mildew.</td>
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<td>Degrease and clean kitchen walls.</td>
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<td>Degrease and clean cabinet exteriors.</td>
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<td>Remove all newspaper or non-contact paper item being used as shelf paper in cabinets. (Only Contact Paper Allowed)</td>
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<td>Degrease and clean countertops.</td>
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<td>Degrease and clean sink and faucet.</td>
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<td>Scrub tile floors thoroughly with degreaser.</td>
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<td>Store all food in sealed containers.</td>
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<td>Remove trash to the dumpster.</td>
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<td><strong>BATHS</strong></td>
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<td>Remove dirt, soap residue, mold and mildew from bathtub, shower, tile, and grout with suitable bathroom/tile cleaner.</td>
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<td>Disinfect and clean toilet with suitable bathroom/tile cleaner.</td>
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<td>Clean sink, countertop, and mirror with suitable bathroom/glass cleaner.</td>
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<td>Scrub tile floors thoroughly with degreaser.</td>
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<td><strong>GENERAL INTERIOR</strong></td>
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<td>Organize personal property and perform general housekeeping to ensure safety of occupants.</td>
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<td>Remove trash to the dumpster.</td>
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<td>Vacuum carpet thoroughly to remove excessive debris.</td>
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<td>Pest Control or Sanitation issues</td>
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<td><strong>OTHER</strong></td>
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<td>Residence in need of extermination services. Comments:</td>
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<td>Evidence of over-occupancy. Please specify:</td>
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The cleaning and sanitation inspection process is outlined below.

1. Cleaning and sanitation inspections of all university-owned apartments will be done on a semi-annual basis and at other times through the year if sanitation issues are noted by university personnel or university-approved contractors.
2. Routine cleaning and sanitation inspections of all apartments and houses will be conducted during the following dates.
   - September 30-October 2, 2016
   - February 24-26, 2017
3. Residents will be provided a copy of the inspection form which explains their cleaning responsibilities. Residents are encouraged to complete a self-inspection prior to the RA’s inspection.
4. Residents are required to pass the RA’s inspection. Failure to pass the RA’s inspection will result in a $20.00 re-inspection charge.
5. If the residence does not pass the RA’s inspection, the apartment will be re-inspected by the Residence Director the week following the RA’s inspection. The $20.00 re-inspection charge will be billed to the leaseholder’s MyMav account.
6. If the residence fails the Residence Director’s re-inspection, it will be cleaned by a UTA approved contractor and the leaseholder will be charged the required cleaning fees. Contracted cleaning service fees for an occupied residence are noted below.

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<td>General Kitchen</td>
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<td>Varies</td>
<td>Other Necessary Cleaning</td>
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8. Contracted cleaning services are not optional. Should a residence require contracted cleaning and the cleaning is refused, the leaseholder will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for failure to comply with a university official. In addition, additional re-inspections charges may be charged to the leaseholder’s account.

Clubhouses
The Arbor Oaks and Meadow Run Clubhouses are for use by residents of the Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, Timber Brook, and University Village communities. Clubhouses are also used for Apartment Life staff to host programs and activities for members of the community. Depending on availability of the facility, leaseholders and registered additional occupants may be able to reserve the Clubhouses for activities and purposes which do not disrupt the apartment community or maintenance of the facility. Clubhouse reservations must be made at least 7 days in advance of the event. For more information about Clubhouse reservations, please contact your Residence Director.

Clubhouse Hours:
Meadow Run: 6:00am-2am
Arbor Oaks: 6:00am to midnight

Damage and Repairs Costs
The lessee (resident) will keep the dwelling in good repair and condition. The lessee will be responsible for cleaning, damages, and repair costs except for those caused by normal wear and tear. This shall apply to furnishings, appliances, and fixtures as well as the structure.

Decorating
All decorations should be of a temporary nature so as not to permanently deface or damage the unit's finishes. Residents shall not hang any item nor place stickers on or about windows or the exterior of their residence. Painting of apartment units is prohibited.

Entrance into your Apartment/House
For your protection, only authorized University personnel, University approved contractors, government inspectors, or law enforcement officers will be allowed into your residence without your written consent to the Residence Director or University Housing. Any person requesting admittance to your residence must also show a valid ID. This includes friends, relatives, phone company, TV repair, etc. Authorized University personnel, University approved contractors, government inspectors, or law enforcement officers may enter the premises for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, pest control, or delivery of notices under reasonable and restrained conditions.

Events and Programs
The staff in your community will coordinate events and programs for your enjoyment and enrichment. Community events are a great way to meet other residents and students and a way to learn new things to
help you succeed here at UT Arlington. A calendar of events will be delivered to each unit at the beginning of the month to inform residents of upcoming events.

**Neighbors**

One of the many benefits of living on campus is meeting a variety of different people. Residents are encouraged to develop positive, healthy relationships with their neighbors and other members of the community. Taking initiative and meeting your neighbors may result in life-long friendships and a feeling of connectedness to your community and the University.

**Neighbors and Noise – Suggestions for a Quiet Community**

Unfortunately, community living may result in situations where you are disturbed by (or are disturbing) your neighbors. In this section we hope to provide you with some helpful suggestions for addressing noise disturbances.

If you are concerned about a neighbor creating unreasonable noise, these suggestions may reduce or eliminate the disturbances.

1. **Determine if the noise is an unreasonable disturbance.** A certain level of routine noise is common to all community living situations. It may be helpful to speak with other neighbors or a third party to confirm your complaint. The individual responsible for the noise will be more responsive knowing others have verified the disturbances and you are not being too sensitive.

2. **Approach your neighbor in a positive manner.** Generally neighbors appreciate you informing them when a problem occurs and giving them opportunity to respond before involving the Apartment Life staff or UTA Police. In meeting with your neighbor, you should take the following actions.
   a) Introduce yourself and state how the noise is disturbing you.
   b) Affirm with your neighbor your desire to solve the problem without involving the Resident Assistant or UTA Police.
   c) Discuss what noises create a disturbance and when they are unreasonable.
   d) Invite your neighbor to listen to how loud the noise is in your apartment.
   e) Exchange phone numbers so you can notify your neighbor if a future problem occurs.

3. **Contact your Resident Assistant.** Residents should first attempt to resolve conflicts themselves before involving the RA. However, many persistent conflicts often require staff intervention. Your RA can work directly with individuals in conflict to encourage an atmosphere of respect and quiet living. If notified promptly, your RA will verify the disturbance, request the behavior cease, and document the incident. Documentation will be sent to the Residence Director for possible disciplinary action.

4. **Contact the RA On Call if your RA is not available.** On call RAs are available after 5:00pm weekdays and on weekends to assist when your RA is unavailable.

5. **Contact the UTA Police if the Resident Assistant is not available.** The primary function of the UTA Police is to address crime-related issues. The Police prefer noise disturbances be resolved between the residents and an RA, but will respond to complaints if needed and as soon as possible. Police may issue a city citation which could result in a minimum $50.00 fine. Police will also notify the Residence Director for possible disciplinary action.

If neighbors have complained about noise at your apartment, these suggestions may reduce or eliminate the disturbances:
1. Meet with your neighbors. Neighbors may have contacted your Resident Assistant or the UTA Police before discussing their complaint with you. By meeting with fellow residents and affirming your desire to live in harmony, you encourage communication, which may alleviate future complaints. In meeting with your neighbor, you should take the following action.
   a) Introduce yourself and affirm your desire to solve any noise problems.
   b) Determine what noises create a disturbance and when they are unreasonable.
   c) Ask to listen in the neighbor’s apartment to observe how loud the noise is.
   d) Attempt to reach an agreement with your neighbor.
   e) Exchange phone numbers or encourage your neighbor to come to your door if a future problem occurs.

2. Restrict certain activities to reasonable hours. Many activities such as dishwashing, lifting weights, and listening to music are not perceived as disturbances during the day. However, these same noises can be very disturbing during the evening, late night, and early morning hours when most residents are studying or sleeping.Courtesy should be extended at all times and noise should be contained within your apartment.

3. Place speakers on foam blocks and away from walls to reduce vibration through the building.

4. Turn down the bass level. It is often bass tones that are most noticeable by neighbors.

5. Use headphones for listening to music.

6. Keep windows and doors closed.

7. Purchase area rugs to place in high traffic areas to insulate noise between your apartment and the apartment below you.

8. Request assistance from your Resident Assistant. Your RA can meet with you and your neighbor to help mediate conflicts and clarify expectations.

Eliminating noise disturbances requires cooperation and respect. Your RA will do his/her best to mediate noise disturbances but will only be effective if both parties are willing to cooperate to resolve the issue.

**Roommates**

*Lease Agreement vs Roommate Agreement*

Having a Lease Agreement is not enough to ensure a positive roommate relationship. A successful roommate relationship begins by clarifying the relationship between individual residents and the University.

In a UTA Apartment, a resident is identified as either a Lessee or as an Additional Occupant. Residents should understand how they are identified on the Lease Agreement and be familiar with their rights and responsibilities. The chart below provides a general overview of some of the distinct differences between a Lessee and an Additional Occupant.

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<td>The Lessee is responsible to sign the Lease Agreement with the University.</td>
<td>An Additional Occupant does not sign the Lease Agreement with the University. An Additional Occupant is only listed on the Lease Agreement upon request of the Lessee.</td>
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<td>The Lessee is financially responsible to the University for all rent and other charges</td>
<td>An Additional Occupant is financially responsible to the Lessee in accordance with</td>
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The Lessee has the right to add an Additional Occupant to the lease. An Additional Occupant may not add any other resident to the lease unless the Lessee approves the change.

The Lessee has the right to remove an Additional Occupant from the lease. An Additional Occupant may not remove any other resident from the lease unless the Lessee approves the change.

The rights and responsibilities of the Lessee and an Additional Occupant are outlined in more detail in the Lease Agreement and the Terms and Conditions for the Lease Agreement. Because the rights and responsibilities between a Lessee and an Additional Occupant differ significantly, residents are strongly encouraged to enter into a written Roommate Agreement with each other.

**Roommate Agreements**

Sharing an apartment can be a rewarding and amazing experience. However, because conflict is a natural part of the human experience, even the best roommates can encounter awkward or troublesome situations. Roommate relationships are complex because they often involve financial commitments, personal and shared responsibilities, and respect for other’s rights and feelings. In addition, roommate relationships are generally not designed to last forever, so it is important to have an agreement which defines what happens when the relationship ends. A written Roommate Agreement can help roommates establish appropriate expectations of each other and reduce the potential for future conflict.

It is recommended that a new Roommate Agreement be negotiated and signed whenever either of the following occurs:

1. A new Lease Agreement is signed, or
2. An Additional Occupant is added to or removed from the Lease Agreement.

If your future roommate is unwilling to negotiate and sign a Roommate Agreement, that is a good indication that you should look for another roommate.

Roommates should negotiate their agreements to reflect their particular situation and needs and should consider having an attorney review their agreement to ensure its legal enforceability. **It is important to note that a Roommate Agreement is an agreement between two or more roommates, and is not an agreement with the University.** Housing staff are not qualified to provide legal advice. Roommates may wish to have their agreement reviewed by an attorney of their choice at their own expense.

You can access a downloadable Sample Roommate Agreement at: http://www.uta.edu/housing

**Roommate Conflicts**

The following strategies are suggested as possible methods to resolving roommate conflicts. These strategies should be adopted in the sequence noted. If the first strategy is not effective, you may need to escalate the response to the next level.

1). Conflict Prevention:

An important step to preventing conflict is to negotiate a written Roommate Agreement before any financial commitments are made. Defining the roommate relationship early will assist you in assessing
whether the roommate relationship is a good match. The Roommate Agreement will also assist in establishing a written plan to guide the relationship if any roommate fails to meet their responsibilities.

2). Personal Confrontation:
Honesty and open communication help resolve problems before they become serious. Listed below are confrontation skills which may assist you in discussing concerns with your roommate.

- Express your concerns early and often, before tension builds to the point where personal communication is strained.
- In any conflict it is generally best to examine yourself first and acknowledge where you may have fault in the relationship. Asking your roommate if there is anything you can do to improve the roommate relationship shows that you are willing to work with the roommate in a spirit of cooperation. Listen first, then talk.
- After acknowledging any faults on your part, it is important to discuss your concerns with the other person in private. While it may be wise to seek counsel before talking to the other person, talking inappropriately about another person to others can be very destructive to the relationship.
- Suggest positive things you may appreciate about your roommate. People are generally less defensive and more receptive when they know that you care about the relationship.
- Express your thoughts with language that does not immediately put the other person on the defensive. Use, “I messages.” "I messages" are statements about the communicator's feelings, thoughts, observations, perceptions, and reactions. When confronting someone, talk in terms of yourself. For example, "I think," "I feel," "In my experience," "for myself," "I need," "I've observed."
- Use your speech and body posture to deescalate the situation. Remaining calm and open will always accomplish more than raising your voice or trying to intimidate.
- Focus on the offending behavior involved, not in making judgments about the other person.
- Do not engage in name calling or other behavior which would be disturbing to others. If tempers begin to flare, consider moving the discussion to an alternate location or time.
- Be specific in your description of the behavior and the effect it has on you.
- State your request clearly. Be honest and direct. Do not explain or apologize unnecessarily.
- Use appropriate non-verbal behaviors. Show the intensity of your feelings. Look the other person in the eye. Speak clearly, without hesitation, and lean toward the listener while still respecting their personal space.
- Thank the other person for their consideration of the matter and their future cooperation.
- Document any changes to your prior agreements.
- It may be important to remember that you don’t have to like the person you're living with as long as you can effectively communicate with each other.
- If you are not satisfied with the results of your discussion, consider the other strategies noted below.

3). Mediation:
If your roommate will not respond as necessary after personal and private confrontation, you may need the assistance of a mediator. Mediation is a voluntary way to resolve disputes without giving the decision-making power to someone else (like a judge). It involves sitting down with the other side in the dispute and a third-party who is neutral and impartial (the mediator). The mediator helps the parties identify the important issues in the dispute and decide how they can resolve it themselves. The mediator doesn't tell each person what to do, or make a judgment about who's right and who's wrong. Control over the outcome of the situation stays with the parties. A mutually respected friend, parent, faculty or staff member, counselor, pastor, or housing management staff member may assist with mediation. Professional mediation services are also available in the office of Community Standards.
4). Arbitration:
If mediation is unsuccessful, the persons in conflict can agree to arbitration. Generally arbitration is
done in an effort to avoid the expense and stress of a more traditional legal remedy. After hearing
from the persons in conflict, the arbitrator decides on how the conflict should be resolved.
Arbitration can be binding or non-binding. Arbitration can be done by a mutually respected individual
when all persons agree to the arbitration relationship. Professional arbitrators are also available for a
fee.

5). Traditional Legal Remedies:
If all efforts previously mentioned fail to resolve the dispute, those in conflict may consider traditional
legal remedies. In this instance, disputes would likely be presented in a civil court before the local
Justice of the Peace (JP). Attorneys may or may not be involved. In this instance, each person should
carefully evaluate whether all other alternatives have been exhausted. Legal remedies are generally
costly and highly stressful for all involved. In this instance, having a written Roommate Agreement to
present to the judge would be much more effective than trying to explain an agreement that was never
put in writing.

Selecting a Roommate
The University Housing Office does not assign roommates in UTA-owned apartments that are rented by the
unit. The most likely source of roommates will come from your associations on the campus. This may include
classmates or other students you have met through a variety of student or professional organizations.

Students have also been known to post fliers on campus bulletin boards or at the apartment community
mailboxes. You may even consider taking out a classified ad in the Shorthorn.

If your new potential roommate is someone you don’t know well, you should always interview each other
carefully. You may also consider getting references before agreeing to live together.

Transfer of Lease – Lease Assumptions
An Additional Occupant may request to assume the Lease Agreement. Additional information can be found in
the Lease Assumption Application Packet that is available from the University Housing Office. (See Also
“LEASE ASSUMPTIONS”)

Swimming Pools
If you live in an apartment with a pool, we encourage you to read the posted "Pool Rules" and become familiar
with them. Remember, there are no lifeguards; therefore, you and your guests will swim at your own risk.
Residents should be particularly mindful of the following pool rules.

- Pool Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 8:00am – 10:00pm and Friday and Saturday from 8:00am –
  midnight. Residents using the pools outside of these hours may be subject to disciplinary action.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the pool area or in any public areas in the community.
- Pets are not allowed in the pool or in the pool area.
- Residents may bring a maximum of two guests to the pool. Guests must be accompanied by the
  leaseholder or a registered additional occupant at all times.
- Residents should maintain noise levels that do not disrupt neighbors living near the pool. Noise
  considered to be excessive may be cause for disciplinary action.
- Residents are responsible for cleaning up any trash they bring to the pool area.
- Safety equipment is for emergency use only. Residents are prohibited from using the safety equipment
  for any other purpose.
- Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
Residents found responsible for leaving food, trash, or other items in the pools area may be responsible for paying cleaning charges assessed by the Facilities Management Staff. Students should be mindful not to get food into the pool water as it may cause the water to be contaminated which could result in the pool being closed.

Window Coverings and Screens
Residents may install additional window coverings other than those which may be present at the time of leasing. University installed mini-blinds, if any, do provide some light control yet may not provide complete privacy. Resident installed window coverings must show white to the outside. The application of aluminum foil, paper, lights, stickers or other decorations to windows is not allowed. Displays in the windowsill shall not be seen from the outside of the unit.

Screens should not be removed from the window at any time. Removing a screen from the window will result in a $50 fine. If a screen is damaged, the leaseholder will be required to pay for damages and/or replacement.

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Eviction for Non-Payment of Rent
If the University has not received rent by the fifth (5th) day of the month, an eviction notice may be delivered to the resident. If rent is not paid within three (3) days after receipt of the past due notice, the Lease Agreement will be terminated by University Housing and legal eviction procedures will commence. The leaseholder may also be responsible for paying a late fee for rent payments not made by the 5th of the month. See section 9 titled “Default in Payment” of the Apartment Lease Agreement.

Faculty Housing
University faculty members are eligible to lease one-bedroom or two-bedroom apartments only and are restricted to an occupancy period that does not exceed two years. Faculty members need not be enrolled as students at the University of Texas at Arlington. University staff employees are not eligible to lease a university apartment or house.

Family Housing and Children
Houses are reserved for students with dependent children and families. Evidence of dependent child(ren) must be provided upon offer of lease. Children are also permitted in University apartments according to guidelines established under the section of this handbook covering “Occupants.”

Parents or guardians are responsible for monitoring the safety and behavior of their children. Residents should exercise due care at all times to inspect windows, screens, locks and latches to make sure they are in good working order and are being utilized properly to protect children visiting or living in the apartment or house. Children cannot be left unattended in apartment common areas. Children under the age of 14 are not allowed to be in community pools except under the direct supervision of an adult.

Keys
One key will be issued to each individual leaseholder and properly registered additional occupant. It is the responsibility of the individual key holder to maintain possession of the key for their duration of their occupancy and for the return of the key upon move out. Leaseholders and/or occupants will be charged $80.00 for failure to return a key at the time of move out. Additional key procedures are outlined below.

The number of keys issued to one apartment or house will not exceed the guidelines below. This represents the maximum number of keys available in accordance with the occupancy limits for the residence. The
University Housing Office will not issue additional spare keys. All keys are University property and duplication is expressly prohibited.

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<td>2 Bedroom Apartment and House</td>
<td>4 Keys</td>
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A single temporary loaner key can be checked out from University Housing for a 24 hour period if a key is temporarily misplaced. In this instance, the lessee must fill out a Request for Temporary Loaner Key Form. This form is available in the University Housing Office. Leaseholders and Occupants are charged $25.00 per lockout.

The apartment lessee will also receive a mailbox key. Additional mailbox keys may be purchased for $17.00 each. In this instance, the lessee must fill out a Request for Special Order Mailbox Key. This form is available in the University Housing Office.

**Key Issuance**

The leaseholder will be issued one apartment/house key on the lease start date. Should the leaseholder choose to have additional occupants live in the apartment/house, an additional apartment key or keys will be issued to the occupant(s) only after the occupant has been properly registered using the Online Housing Assistant.

To obtain an additional key for an occupant, the leaseholder and occupant must follow the process outlined below.

1. Prior to the occupant’s move in date, the leaseholder must register the occupant using the Online Housing Assistant. (see “OCCUPANTS” for instructions for using the Online Housing Assistant)
   - The leaseholder will need the occupant’s first name, last name, Mav ID number, birth date, and email address to register the occupant.
2. Upon complete of the online registration, the occupant will receive a “UTA Housing Confirmation – Welcome Additional Occupant” email which includes a link to the Online Housing assistant.
3. The occupant is required to access the Online Housing Assistant to update his/her personal information and emergency contacts.
4. The occupant must print the “UTA Housing Confirmation – Welcome Additional Occupant” email and bring it along with photo identification to the University Housing.
5. The University Housing will verify that the occupant has been properly registered and has entered his/her personal and emergency contact information before issuing a key to the occupant.
6. The occupant will be provided with a key receipt and should maintain this form for his/her records.
7. The occupant must pick up the key within 5 business days of being added to the lease.

Once a key is issued, it is the responsibility of the individual receiving the key to keep the key in his/her possession.

**Key Return**

Upon move out, each individual must return his/her key to the University Housing according to the procedures outlined below.

Termination of Lease Agreement – Leaseholder and All Occupants Vacating the Residence:
The leaseholder may return all keys to the RA at the time of the move out inspection. Failure to return all keys issued to the apartment/house at the time of lease termination will result in a $80.00 lock change fee that will be charged to the leaseholder's account.

**Occupant Vacates Prior to Termination of the Lease Agreement:**

In the instance where an occupant is moving out of the residence before the lease is terminated, the leaseholder is responsible for removing the occupant using the Online Housing Assistant. Once removed, the occupant should print the “Cancellation of Occupant Status” email confirmation and bring the email and key to the University Housing. Failure to return the key will result in a $80.00 lock change fee that will be charged to the occupant. If the occupant is an immediate family member and not a student, the leaseholder will be charged the $80.00 lock change fee.

**Lease Assumptions**

Upon approval of a lease assumption, the locks will be changed and the new leaseholder will be charged $80.00 for the lock change. The occupant assuming the lease, as the new leaseholder, is required to register any new occupants and/or re-register any occupants that were registered under the original leaseholder’s name. The new leaseholder must comply with all key issuance procedures and occupant registration procedures outlined above.

**Lost Key**

If your apartment or house key has been lost or stolen, the lessee should notify the University Housing. In this instance, the lessee will be charged a $80.00 fee, the locks will be changed, and a new key will be issued to the leaseholder and each properly registered additional occupant. All apartment mailbox keys reported lost or stolen will be replaced for a seventeen ($17.00) dollar charge.

**Lead Based Paint and/or Lead Based Paint Hazards**

Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing (including apartments and houses but excluding dormitories), lessors must disclose the presence on known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Lessees must also receive a federally approved pamphlet (Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home) on lead poisoning prevention. Additional information is available from the University Housing or from EPA at the National Lead Information Center - 1-800-LEAD-FYI.

**Lead in Drinking Water**

The local water supply system has the responsibility for providing drinking water that meets safe drinking water standards and for conducting periodic sampling. The system is required by law to notify customers directly if the safe drinking water action level is exceeded. UT-Arlington conducted sampling of drinking water in selected University housing units in 1993. Sampling data is available on request from University Housing. General information is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**Lease Assumptions**

An additional occupant may apply to assume a lease under the following conditions:

1. The applicant must be a registered additional occupant with possession of keys for at least 6 months prior to requesting to assume the lease and must be willing to commit to a new lease with a ten month minimum occupancy period.
2. The applicant must be currently enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at UT Arlington (excluding summer).
3. All apartments will be inspected by Apartment and Residence Life as part of the lease assumption application process.
4. Both the current leaseholder and the applicant must not have been involved in behavior that is disruptive or damaging to the community. Residents on disciplinary or housing probation are not eligible for a lease assumption.
5. The current leaseholder and the applicant must be in good financial standing with the university.
6. Current rent for the apartment must be paid in full.
7. The occupant must have updated all of his/her personal and emergency contact information using the Online Housing Assistant prior to completing this application.
8. Lease assumption applications must be submitted a minimum of 60 days prior to requested lease assumption date.
9. Lease assumptions will not be approved if the unit has not been completely vacated and made ready for occupancy within the last 2 years.

If the lessee and registered occupant meet the guidelines above, a Lease Assumption Application packet must be completed and submitted to the University Housing. The Lease Assumption Application outlines additional fees and procedures for the lease assumption process.

**Meningitis Vaccination Requirements**

A new state law that became effective January 1, 2010 requires that any first time students who plan to move into University housing show proof that they have been immunized against bacterial meningitis or meet certain criteria for declining such a vaccination before they can live on campus. The law applies to transfer students and any student enrolled at UT Arlington for the first time. If you are offered on campus housing accommodations before or during your first semester of enrollment at UT Arlington, you must fully comply with the meningitis law and related university policies within 10 days from housing contract offer or 10 days prior to move in, whichever date is earliest. Individuals who do not comply with the law and related University policies will not be allowed to move into on campus housing and may experience financial penalties for failure to comply with their contractual obligations. For more information, please visit the Housing website at www.uta.edu/housing.

**Occupancy Limits**

Occupancy limits vary by community and are established as follows. Exceptions for immediate family members of the leaseholder are noted below.

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<td>2 Bedroom</td>
<td>Two persons per bedroom. (Exception allowed for a child under 5 years old – maximum 5 residents per unit).</td>
<td>Two persons per bedroom. (Exception allowed for spouse and a child under 5 years old only if leasing the whole unit).</td>
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**Occupants**

A qualified occupant of a university apartment or house is limited to persons meeting one of the following criteria:

1. the "Lessee" who must be a student at the University of Texas at Arlington
2. an "Immediate Member of the Lessee's Family" who need not also be a student at The University of Texas at Arlington such as a spouse or child or
3. a "Roommate" who must also be a student at the University of Texas at Arlington.

**Leaseholders and Occupants are required to live in the unit. A lessee should not register an occupant for the purpose of obtaining a spare key to the unit.**

Leaseholders are required to register all occupants. Leaseholders who fail to register occupants will be considered in violation of their lease agreement and may be subject to pay a $50 fine for the violation. Registered occupants are eligible for the following services and benefits which are not available to unregistered occupants.

- Key issuance
- Lock out services
- Lease assumption consideration
- Access to pools, clubhouses, and laundry rooms
- Access to community events
- Ability to report maintenance issues/concerns

Any change in occupancy of the immediate family or roommate should be reported to University Housing immediately for the necessary changes on the lease. Changes in additional occupants can be made on-line through the housing website. You will use your university net ID and password to access the information online. If you are having trouble accessing the Online Housing Assistant, please contact the University Housing Office at 817-272-2791 and press option #1.

**Personal Information Accuracy**

Each Lessee and Occupant is required to maintain accurate information on the following:
- Name
- University ID
- Date of Birth
- Emergency Contact Information
- Email Address which may be used for housing-related communications.

**Property Disasters**

High winds, floods, fire, and loss of utility services can result in serious consequences for residents and the property. In the event of such an occurrence, the University shall attempt to restore the premises or services as soon as is reasonably possible. However, the University is not obligated to provide or pay for alternate housing in the event the premises are temporarily or permanently uninhabitable. Should the University determine a property to be uninhabitable, either permanently or for an extended time, the University may terminate the lease agreement.
Rent Payments
Rent payments are due and payable in advance on the first day of each month at the Bursar’s Office in Davis Hall. Payments can also be made online. **A late payment fee of $25.00 will be charged if payment is not received by the due date.** Your rent will be posted to your MyMav account each month. Residents are responsible for checking their MyMav account on a regular basis to view charges due. You will not be sent a bill in the mail. Failure to see the monthly rent posted to your MyMav account does not excuse you from your responsibility to make scheduled payments. Lessee is responsible to contact the University Housing if monthly rent does not appear in MyMav. In addition, failure to receive a salary, loan, grant, or scholarship from the University will not excuse you from rent payments.

Right to Re-Rent
If you violate any of the conditions of the Lease Agreement, the Director of Apartment Life and/or Executive Director of Management Services may, in the future, decline to lease any University housing to you. Also, if you have been subjected to eviction (except for taking the unit out of service), you may be prohibited from leasing University owned property. If you have a delinquent debt obligation of any nature owing the University, you may be prohibited from entering into a Lease Agreement with University Housing until such time as the debt is satisfied.

Student Status
The term "student," as used in all publications provided by the Office of Housing, shall be defined as any individual currently enrolled at The University of Texas at Arlington for a minimum of six credit hours. Residents need not attend classes during the summer to be eligible to remain in student housing, provided they will be a student during the following fall semester.

Students with Disabilities – Requests for Property Modifications
Students requesting modifications should contact the Office of Students with Disabilities to inquire about the process for requesting modifications to University Housing properties.

Termination of Lease
(See also “MOVE OUT PROCEDURE”)

If you desire to move out and terminate your Lease Agreement, a written Occupant Termination Notice Form and list of Move-out Procedures are available from the University Housing for resident use. The University shall only accept written termination notice. Verbal or other notice is not sufficient. The resident must also obtain a signed copy of this form acknowledging receipt by The University.

Refund of the security deposit is subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease agreement. Failure to provide a written notice at least 60 days prior to the desired lease termination date will be just cause for forfeiture of the security deposit.

There can be significant financial penalties for failure to terminate your lease properly or failure to follow the established move-out procedures. Please refer to the Lease Terms and Conditions for more detailed information concerning terminating your lease agreement.

The Occupant Termination Notice is binding, non-changeable, non-cancelable and the premises must be fully vacated and all items of personal property removed from the premises on or before the lease termination date. The University and new residents rely on the notice. The University may clean, repair and lease the residence for a new resident’s occupancy on the day after the lease termination date. (In accordance with the terms and conditions of the lease agreement, the lessee may be responsible for holdover rent charges, liquidated damages, and other expenses if any occupant holds over and fails to vacate on or by the lease termination date.)
Move Out Procedure

Residents must follow all guidelines outlined in the lease terms and conditions regarding notice requirements and lease termination dates. (See also “TERMINATION OF LEASE”)

1. Complete a written Occupant Termination Notice Form in the University Housing.
   - See section 41 titled “Early Termination by Lessee” of the Lease Terms and Conditions.
   - Refund of the security deposit is subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease agreement. **Failure to provide a written notice at least 60 days prior to the desired lease termination date will be just cause for forfeiture of the security deposit.**
   - The University Housing Staff will provide you with an Apartment and Houses Move Out Guide.

2. At least 5 days prior to your lease termination date, the lessee should schedule a move out inspection appointment by filling out the online link provided on the front page of the Move Out Guide. The lessee must be present at the move out appointment or will be charged improper checkout fees.
   - **The leaseholder and occupants are required to vacate the apartment no later than 5:00pm on the lease termination date provided on the Occupant Termination Notice. Failure to vacate before 5:00pm will result in improper check-out charges and holdover fees.**

3. Apartments are inspected by the Office Assistant or Resident Assistant staff during the scheduled move out inspection on the lease termination date.

4. Failure to follow established check-out procedures will result in improper check-out fees as outlined below.

Leaseholders will be responsible for paying improper check-out charges if the move out process is not completed as outlined in the lease terms and conditions. A breakdown of improper-check out charges is provided below.

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<td>Failure to Arrive on Time for Scheduled Appointment with the RA</td>
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<td>Resident not prepared for scheduled move out inspection</td>
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<td>Failure to vacate by 5:00pm (may also be responsible for Holdover Penalties)</td>
<td>$50</td>
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<td>Failure to Check Out with RA</td>
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Utilities

Residents living in University houses are responsible for all of their utility needs. This includes contacting the appropriate utility companies for service and paying all appropriate utility costs.

Utilities in the apartments will be furnished and paid for by the resident unless specifically stated otherwise in the Lease Agreement.

If resident is to pay for electricity, it is the resident’s responsibility to make arrangements with an eligible Retail Electric Provider for electric service. Information on eligible Retail Electric Providers may be obtained from [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org).

If the Lessee fails to timely arrange and pay for utility services, UTA may charge the Lessee a $150 administrative fee, charge for cost of utility services and order disconnect of associated utility services. See section 28 titled “Utilities” in the Lease Terms and Conditions for additional information.
YOUR CONDUCT

Leaseholders, occupants, and their guests should conduct themselves in such fashion as is fitting of community living and show due consideration to neighbors and are responsible for adhering to the policies outlined in this handbook as well as all university policies. Disturbances or otherwise disorderly conduct may result in disciplinary action, termination of the lease, and other disciplinary remedies available. Leaseholders are responsible for the behavior of their registered additional occupants and guests. Students are required to provide their UTA ID card to staff members when asked for it.

The University practices due process with all student conduct issues. The type, severity of the incident, and where the student is in the conduct process will determine how the conduct referral is processed. Repeat violations and the severity of each violation are taken into consideration when determining a student’s conduct status.

When a violation is believed to have occurred, it is reported to the Residence Director. The reported violation can be handled in a variety of ways: a conference with the Residence Director, Assistant Director, the Coordinator for Residential Student Conduct, or the Director of the Office of Student Conduct.

Conduct Appeal Process

Residents who are found responsible for a violation of Apartment and Residence Life policy have the right to appeal the decision. An appeal must be based on an error in the disciplinary process that substantially impacted the outcome. If there is sufficient reason to believe that one or more of the grounds articulated in the student’s appeal letter has merit, an appeal meeting will be scheduled. The decision may be appealed by submitting a written narrative through the online appeal form outlining the basis for their appeal to the Assistant Director of Apartment Life within five business days of the date on the outcome letter. The Assistant Director will review the information, meet with the student when necessary, and provide a decision within 14 business days. The Assistant Director’s decision is final.

The following will be allowed as ground(s) for appeal:

1. New evidence not reasonably available at the time of the conduct meeting,
2. Evidence of a procedural error in the student disciplinary process that substantially impacted the outcome, or
3. Evidence that the sanction is excessively severe.

Residents who are found responsible for a violation of the University’s Handbook of Operating Procedures and issued an official warning are not eligible to appeal.

Residents who are found responsible for a violation of the University’s Handbook of Operating Procedures and issued a sanction above an official warning may appeal based on the appeal process outlined in Chapter 2-600 of the University’s Handbook of Operating Procedures.

Alcohol

Residents of legal age in the State of Texas and their guests of legal age in the State of Texas may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their residence. Possession or consumption of alcohol in public areas is prohibited. Public areas include any area outside of your apartment such as courtyards, walkways,
balcony areas, pool areas, etc. Disciplinary action will also result if you or your guests become disorderly or of you are found to have alcohol in the presence of minors. Excessive amounts of alcohol are prohibited. Excessive amounts include, but are not limited to, kegs.

**Campus Carry Housing Policy**

Individuals licensed by the State of Texas to carry a concealed handgun may be in possession of a handgun in University owned housing in accordance with State law and UTA policy. A licensed holder in University owned housing must have their handgun(s) on or about their person or safely secured or stored to prevent tampering or theft. The handgun must be stored in a combination or electronic locking steel safe when the handgun is not on or about their person. The safe must be securely attached to a bed frame or other furniture with a steel tethering cable, so as to minimize the possibility of theft.

For more information regarding Campus Carry, visit: [www.uta.edu/campuscarry](http://www.uta.edu/campuscarry)

Violation of this policy will be a breach of the Contract/Lease and the University may terminate the Contract/Lease and right of occupancy and exercise all rights and remedies under the Contract/Lease. Roommates in University owned housing may select a preference for a roommate who agrees not to possess a handgun on the University Campus; however, the University will make no guarantee to fulfill any request. If a student is not satisfied with their assigned roommate or room, they may request a change. Information on requesting a change in assignment is available at [http://www.uta.edu/housing/parents/faqs.php#roommateoptions](http://www.uta.edu/housing/parents/faqs.php#roommateoptions)

**Drugs**

The use, manufacture, possession, sale, or distribution of any compound, preparation, or mixture which contains any one or more of the substances defined and regulated: (1) by the Texas Controlled Substances Act, Article 4476-15, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes; (2) as a dangerous drug under the provisions of Article 4476-155, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, except as may be allowed by the provisions of such Articles are prohibited on campus and in the University apartments and houses. Disciplinary action will result if this policy is violated.

**Fire and Life Safety**

All residents should be concerned about fire safety and the very real dangers to life and property and protect themselves accordingly. Safety inspections of apartments and houses can and will be conducted at any reasonable time to ensure smoke detectors are working properly and there are no violations of the Life Safety Code or University policy. Such inspections may be unannounced or performed in conjunction with other building services. University staff and/or the State Fire Marshal may perform safety inspections. Housing may impose sanctions and/or fines for Life Safety Inspection Violations.

Residents who are responsible for causing a fire or who contribute to the spread of a fire due to tampering with fire safety equipment are financially liable for the following damages:

- Injuries or death caused to self or others
- Damages to personal property owned by self or others
- Damages to property owned by the University

The University assumes no liability for damages to personal property, injury, or loss of life. Personal property or renter’s insurance, health, and life insurance are the responsibility of the resident. Residents are encouraged to be conscious of fire safety risks and protect themselves against such losses. Residents should purchase appropriate insurance coverage, avoid unsafe practices, and promptly report any fire safety concerns.
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<td>Causing a fire through intention or negligence</td>
<td>$100 Fine + Costs for Actual Damages and/or Injuries</td>
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<td>Contributing to the spread of a fire through tampering with fire safety equipment</td>
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<td>Disabling a smoke detector or tampering with fire safety equipment</td>
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<td>Damage to fire sprinkler equipment</td>
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<td>Possession or use of candles or other open flame lighting</td>
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<td>Possession or use of incense</td>
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<td>Possession or use of explosives/fireworks/weapons</td>
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<td>Possession or use of fuels (gasoline and other flammable liquids or gas)</td>
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<td>Possession or use of halogen lighting or any lamp exceeding 120 watts</td>
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<td>Failure to evacuate for a general fire alarm</td>
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<td>Obstructing a route of fire egress</td>
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<td>Improper disposal of cigarette butts in the apartment commons areas</td>
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<td>Barbecuing within ten feet of any combustible surface or under any walkway, balcony, or overhang</td>
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<td>Smoking in building or evidence of smoking in building.</td>
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<td>Personal items located within 18 inches of any sprinkler head.</td>
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Residents who are responsible for causing a fire or who contribute to the spread of a fire because of tampering with fire safety equipment are financially liable for the following damages:

- Injuries or death caused to others or self
- Damages to personal property owned by others or self
- Damages to property owned by the University

The University assumes no liability for damages to personal property, injury, or loss of life. Personal property or renter’s insurance, health, and life insurance are the responsibility of the resident. Residents are encouraged to be conscious of fire safety risks and protect themselves against such losses. Residents should purchase appropriate insurance coverage, avoid unsafe practices, and promptly report any fire safety concerns.
Barbeques
Barbeque grills, charcoal, and lighter fluid are prohibited in individual apartments and may not be stored (even temporarily) in a unit. Common area grills are placed throughout apartment communities for public use. When barbecues are in use they must be tended at all times. Coals must be extinguished immediately after use to prevent fire hazards or injury to children. To extinguish, coals should be doused with water. Do not dispose of hot coals in the dumpster. Electric grills are permitted in apartments.

Candles and Incense Prohibited
Candles: Candles may not be burned and are not allowed for decoration. Possession and/or use of a candle will result in disciplinary action, and a $50 fine.

Incense: Use or possession of incense is not allowed. Possession and/or use will result in disciplinary action, and a $50 fine.

In the event of a power outage, flashlights or other battery-operated lights should be used; the use of candles, kerosene lanterns, and other open-flame lighting is prohibited.

Extension Cords and Power Strips
Residents may not use extension cords in apartments and houses. Residents may use heavy duty, three-prong, and UL listed power strips with surge protection. The wire size selected must be sufficient to carry the expected load, plus an additional 50% overload. Suggested wire sizes for given loads are as follows:

Wire Size Load

• #16 to 13 AMPS (1520 watts)
• #14 to 15 AMPS (1750 watts)
• #12 to 20 AMPS (2340 watts)

Power strips should be kept to the minimum length possible and should never be run under rugs nor have curtains or drapes hung from them. Cords that show signs of wear or dry rot should be replaced. High wattage appliances such as air conditioners or electric grills should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Power strips must be plugged directly into the outlet and may not be plugged into another power strip. Multiple outlet adapters that do not have surge protection should not be used.

Extermination Products
Extermination services are provided by the University. Students are prohibited from using their own personal extermination products (ex: bug bombs, bug spray, boric acid), the only exception is residents may use pest bait stations. The use of these products in close proximity to appliances, especially gas pilot lights, could result in a flash fire. If your residence is in need of extermination services, please call Facilities Management at 817-272-2000 or fill out an online work order at uta.edu/fixit. Failure to report pest control issues immediately will result in a student conduct referral and a monetary fine of $75.00.
Fire Drills
Unannounced fire drills are conducted every fall and spring semester in each apartment community. At any time the fire alarm is sounded, residents should evacuate the building immediately in a calm and collected manner. Residents should take their keys and lock the residence upon exiting. Failure to evacuate for a fire alarm, whether during a fire drill or an actual emergency, may result in a $50 fine and a referral to the Office of Student Conduct.

Fire Extinguishers
For your safety, fire extinguishers may be found in various places throughout the apartment communities. Please be aware of their locations.

Fire Sprinkler Systems
UTA’s newest apartment communities, Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, Timber Brook, and The Lofts are constructed with fire sprinkler systems in each apartment. UTA’s older apartment communities are not equipped with fire sprinkler systems. Residents living in apartments with fire sprinkler systems must be careful not to damage the sprinkler heads or an accidental discharge of water may result. In addition, residents may not store personal items within 18” of any sprinkler head.

Flammable Storage
Flammable liquids may not be stored in University Housing. Gasoline, petroleum based solvents, paint thinners and similar flammable materials should be kept in metal containers and stored well clear of living areas. Such containers should be stored in a secure area away from excessive heat or flames. Flammables should never be stored in automobiles.

Halogen Lamps Prohibited
Because of the serious fire safety concerns associated with these appliances, halogen lamps are not allowed in University owned residences.

Holiday Decorations
Decorating your home to help the spirit of the holidays is encouraged. However, some guidelines should be followed: never use faulty electrical equipment or overload circuits. Live Christmas trees are prohibited, but artificial, fireproof trees are allowed.

Outdoor Burning
Residents are prohibited from having or creating a fire outdoors in the apartment community. This includes the use of fire pits. Fire use is limited to barbeque equipment provided by the university (see FIRE SAFETY – BARBEQUES).

Room Decorations
Everyone likes to add a little of their personality to their home. Decorating makes a residence more livable and is certainly not discouraged. However, be sure your ingenuity does not lead to disaster. Cloth hangings from the ceiling (you have probably seen a parachute canopy used for ceiling decoration) and paper posters covering the walls are another danger. Residents are not allowed to cover more than 10% of their wall with decorations. Imagine the situation if anything were to ignite a room with you in it, asleep. Give yourself a chance. Do not overload your room with combustibles.

Smoke Detectors
Hardwired smoke detectors are installed in all university apartments and houses. Smoke detectors in university apartments and houses do not require any resident maintenance or battery replacement.
Notice: Tenant shall not disconnect or intentionally damage a smoke detector or remove the battery from a smoke detector without immediately replacing it with a working battery. Tenant may be subject to damages, civil penalties, and attorney’s fees under Section 92.2611 of the Texas Property Code for not complying with the foregoing notice.

Please be aware, if you disable any smoke detector rendering it inoperable, fail to report malfunctions to our office in writing, or violate any fire safety policy, you will be liable for damages and subject to applicable criminal and civil penalties and University sanctions.

Space Heaters
A metal-encased oil-filled electric space heater which is UL approved is acceptable for temporary use during periods of seasonal weather change in student housing communities constructed before 1972. The attached link shows an example of an approved metal-encased oil-filled electric space heater. Electric space heaters with a heating element exposed to the air (heating element emits a visible red glow) are prohibited on campus. The attached link shows an example of a prohibited electric space heater.

Firearms, Fireworks, and Weapons
The use or possession of firearms (excluding those that fall under the campus carry policy), fireworks, or any illegal or lethal weapon in the leased premises or elsewhere on the University campus is prohibited. Weapons prohibited in the leased premises or elsewhere on the campus are defined by Texas Penal Code, Title 10, Chapter 46 and include, but are not limited to, any club, explosive weapon, firearm, firearm silencer, handgun, illegal knife, knuckles, machine gun, short-barrel firearm, switchblade knife, swords, armor-piercing ammunition, hoax bomb, chemical dispensing device (other than a small chemical dispenser sold commercially for personal protection), racetrack, or zip gun. According to Texas Penal Code, Title 10, Chapter 46, these weapons are prohibited on the premises of a school or educational institution, unless written authorization has been granted by the institution. An offense under this section constitutes a third-degree felony. Additional items prohibited in the leased premises or elsewhere on the campus include fireworks, play look-alike guns, paintball guns, pellet or BB guns, and decorative firearms (working or non-working).

Guests
There will be times when you may have overnight guests visiting throughout your stay with us. All guests must be registered and approved to be a guest prior to their stay. A guest must be registered no matter the length of the stay.

To register a guest please fill out the online form on the Housing website at https://www.uta.edu/housing/forms/guest-policies-and-occupancy-limits.php

Guest requests are processed during the work week, so it is encouraged to fill out the request form in advance to receive approval. If the guest is approved to stay, the maximum time allowed will be three nights a month. Guests cannot have consecutive stays from one month to the next.

All residents must escort their guests at all times and are responsible for their behavior at all times. This requirement dictates that guests must be under the direct supervision of their host at all times while visiting. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action and the resident may lose the privilege of inviting guests to the apartment. Violation of the guest policy may result in a $50 fine.
Harassment

Harassment in any form is not tolerated on the UT ARLINGTON campus. If a resident feels like they are either a victim of any type of harassment or if a resident feels like they have been witness to any form of harassment, they should either contact a residence hall staff member, The Office of Student Conduct, the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office (EOAA), or the UT ARLINGTON Police Department.

Residents who are willing participants, such as participating in a “prank war”, will be held to the policy of harassment.

Instances of alleged harassment will be sent directly to the Office of Student Conduct for adjudication in accordance with Sec. 4-204. Harassment in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP).

Types of harassment to be aware of, as referenced in the HOP:
- Verbal Harassment
- Hazing
- Practical jokes (i.e. pranks)
- Damage to Property
- Physical assault
- Sexual Harassment or Sexual Misconduct
- Cyber Harassment

Any lewd, indecent, and/or obscene conduct, expression, and acts are considered to be sexual harassment. This can include jokes, pornography, conversation, body language, etc. Harassment includes viewing materials of an offensive nature on computers in public lab areas.

To view the complete HOP text on harassment, please visit the Student Judicial Affairs website at http://www.uta.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/ and click on “Code of Conduct for UT Arlington.

To contact the Office of Student Conduct please call x2-2354. For more information about the Office of Student Conduct office, please visit their web site at: http://www.uta.edu/studentaffairs/conduct/

To contact the EOAA Office please call x2-2106. For more information about the EOAA office, please visit their web site at: http://www.uta.edu/eoaa/

To contact the UT Arlington Police Department for any non-emergency inquiries, please call x2-3381. For more information about the UT Arlington Police Department, please visit their web site at: http://www.uta.edu/police/

Hazing

Hazing is specifically prohibited. Hazing is defined under Sec. 2-202. Proscribed Conduct in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP) as; “Intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated to, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any university student organization, group, or team whose members are or include students at an educational institution. The term hazing includes, but is not limited to any type of physical brutality, physical activity, activity involving consumption of food, liquid, drugs, or alcohol, activity that intimidates or threatens the student, or any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of Section 51.936 of the Texas Education Code.”
Residents are in violation of the Hazing policy even when they are willing participants in the hazing activity.

**HOP Violations**
The following is a list of the most common violations of the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP) “Section 2-202. Proscribed Conduct” which will result in discipline with the Coordinator for Residential Student Conduct or a representative from the Office of Student Conduct:

- A violation of any provision of the Regents’ Rules and Regulations of The University of Texas System;
- A violation of any rule or regulation of the University or The University of Texas System;
- Failure to comply with any order or instruction of an official of the University or The University of Texas System acting in the course of his/her duties;
- Damaging, destroying, or defacing any facility, structure, property, or equipment owned, leased, or controlled by the University or the U. T. System (hereinafter "University Facility"), or the unauthorized taking or use of such property;
- The unauthorized entry into or upon any University Facility;
- Using or participating with others in the use of any permit, means of identification, key, or means of access, including electronic swipe cards or card keys, issued by the University or the U. T. System to a person other than the entitled;
- Intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated to, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any university student organization, group, or team whose members are or include students at an educational institution. The term hazing includes, but is not limited to any type of physical brutality, physical activity, activity involving consumption of food, liquid, drugs, or alcohol, activity that intimidates or threatens the student, or any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of Section 51.936 of the Texas Education Code;
- Illegal use, manufacture, possession, sale, or distribution in or on a University Facility of any substance that is a controlled substance under federal or state law or regulation, except as may be allowed by the provision of such law or regulation. If a student is found guilty of the illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a controlled substance in or on a University Facility, the minimum penalty shall be suspension from the institution for a specified period of time and/or suspension of rights and privileges;
- Unauthorized use or possession of any intoxicating beverage in or on a University Facility including, but not limited to, minor in possession, public intoxication, allowing minors access, or any violation of alcohol policy;
- Any conduct that constitutes a violation of a federal, state, or local law or regulation regardless of whether the conduct results in the imposition of the penalty prescribed by the federal, state, or local law;
• Possession or use of any type of explosive, firearm, imitation firearm, ammunition, hazardous chemical, or weapon as defined by state or federal law, in or on a University Facility except as may be authorized by federal, state, or local law;

• Advocacy, either oral or written, that is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action;

• Physical abuse or threat of physical abuse of any person in or on a University Facility, or at any function, program, event, or assembly conducted, sponsored, supervised, or authorized by the University;

• Engaging in or attempting to engage in conduct, either alone or in concert with others, that is intended to obstruct, disrupt, or interfere with, or that in fact obstructs, disrupts, or interferes with any instructional, educational, research, administrative, or public service activity or program, or any athletic event or public performance or other activity authorized to be conducted in or on a University Facility. Obstruction or disruption includes, but is not limited to, any act that interrupts, modifies, or damages, utility service or equipment, communication service or equipment, or computer equipment, software, or networks;

• Appearance in or on a University Facility without written permission of the President after having been suspended or expelled from the University or any other component institution of The University of Texas System for disciplinary reasons.

To review the complete handbook of operating procedures, you can go to the Office of Student Conduct website at http://www.uta.edu/studentaffairs/conduct/ and click on “Code of Conduct for UT Arlington”.

**Hover Boards**
Charging, storage, and possession of “hover boards” within university-owned housing facilities is prohibited due to posing a fire hazard. “Hover boards” includes any kind of self-balancing scooter which is powered by a lithium-ion battery.

**Incident Reports**
The Incident Report is a form used by the Apartment and Residence Life staff to communicate information to other staff members and to the Office of Student Conduct. This form is used to communicate violations of policies, medical emergencies, and all other unusual occurrences that staff members address while performing their jobs in the residential community. Incident Reports are not disciplinary actions in themselves - they are communication devices. A report can result in a range of consequences depending upon the frequency or severity of violations. It is a confidential Apartment and Residence Life record that is shared only with the individuals involved in the incident, staff, and the Office of Student Conduct or UT Arlington police when necessary unless the student gives written permission to share it with others.

All staff members are required to file an Incident Report whenever they encounter a violation of policy. If cited in a report, residents will be provided with a copy of the report to review prior to their adjudication. Residents do not have to agree with the details provided by a staff member in an incident report and have the opportunity to convey their information about the event in a conduct meeting.

**Internet, TV and Phone Service Prohibited Conduct**
Student must abide by the terms and conditions contained in the University of Texas at Arlington’s Guide for Residential Internet, TV, and Phone Services. Students shall not violate federal copyright laws. Acceptance of
collect calls to the Premises or charging long distance calls to the Premises shall be a breach of this Lease. It is against policy to use a router that is not property of the University.

**Interpretations of Policies, Procedures, or Rules**

Any resident who desires explanation, interpretation, or definition of any policies, procedures, or rules for University owned apartments or houses should contact the Director of Apartment and Residence Life. Reasonable exceptions to these policies or procedures may be allowed by the Director of Apartment and Residence Life.

**Noise Disturbances**

According to the UTA Apartment Lease Agreement or House Lease Agreement, property shall at all times be used and occupied in such a manner as will not disturb, interfere with, or affect the comfort, peace and quiet enjoyment of neighboring property. The University will not condone disturbances and other disorderly conduct. Playing of drums and electrical instruments on the premises of the University apartments or houses is prohibited.

To discourage noise disturbances on campus, the UTA police may issue citations for loud or excessive noise violations. The associated fine is $50 per violation. The UTA Police regulation is noted below.

- **Residence** – A violation consists of but is not limited to the playing, using or operating, or permitting the playing, using or operating, of any television or radio receiving set, musical instrument, or other machine or device for producing, reproducing or amplifying sound, in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance. If the noise can be heard distinctly from 25 feet it shall be prima facia evidence for violation of the regulation.

- **Vehicle** – A violation consists of but is not limited to the playing, using or operating, or permitting the playing, using or operating, of any radio receiving set, or other machine or device for producing, reproducing or amplifying sound, in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance. If the noise can be heard distinctly from 50 ft it shall be prima facia evidence for a violation of the regulation. The mere sound of the engine is not a violation.

In addition to the fines noted above, disturbances or otherwise disorderly conduct may result in disciplinary action, termination of the lease, and other disciplinary remedies.

**Quiet Hours**

All Community living requires reasonable compromises to maintain a peaceful and quiet environment that is conducive to academic success. Residents should not make or permit noise which may be objectionable to other residents. Simple behaviors can help to reduce unnecessary noise. Residents should take off boots or heavy shoes when in the apartment; and keep the volume on the stereo, TV, or radio at a reasonable level.

While noise can be a problem, it is important to realize a certain amount of noise is to be expected in a community living environment and under normal circumstances. Residents should be tolerant of individual differences in lifestyles and routines. (See also “Neighbor Relations”)

Residents must respect the rights of others in regards to noise levels and adhere to the designated quiet hours outlined below.

- **Sunday through Thursday,** 10 p.m.-9 a.m.
- **Friday and Saturday,** midnight to 9 a.m.
Courtesy hours are in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If a resident requests a neighbor be quiet, the neighbor should be respectful of their request. Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in intervention by an Apartment Life staff member and possible disciplinary action.

**Over-Occupancy**

Violation of the occupancy limits and guest policies have a negative effect on residents of the community. Problems resulting from these violations include:

- Increased rents and operating expenses as a result of excessive utility consumption and excessive wear and tear on the property
- Shortage of hot water
- Increased sanitation and pest control concerns
- Shortage of parking spaces
- Increased noise
- Increased risk of fire safety hazards

The following conditions may be considered as evidence of an occupancy limit and/or guest policy violation:

- Failure to register overnight guests prior to their stay as is described in the Guest Policy.
- Excessive number of people using a UTA housing address as a mailing address. Only authorized occupants may receive mail at the residence.
- Excessive number of people observed sleeping in the residence.
- Excessive amounts of bedding materials observed in the residence.
- Evidence of a person using a residence as if that person were an occupant, but not actually being registered as an occupant or guest. Examples of this may include, but are not limited to, keeping clothing and other personal belongings in the residence, sleeping overnight in the residence on a regular basis, and using the bathroom and shower facilities as if they lived in the residence.
- Statements from a registered occupant that their ability to study or sleep is hindered by the frequent presence of an unregistered occupant or guest.

Occupancy limits violations will result in a fine and housing probation and other disciplinary sanctions may be imposed which could include termination of the lease.

**Pets**

Except for service animals, guide dogs, or animals approved by the Office for Students with Disabilities no animals are allowed (even temporarily) anywhere in the apartment, apartment community, house, or house premises. Fish in aquariums less than 10 gallons are allowed in student apartments. Care and feeding of stray or unauthorized pets is prohibited. **Residents found to be in possession of any prohibited pet(s) will be referred to the conduct process and will be charged a fee ranging from $150-$325 per incident, in addition to any cleaning and sanitation fees, and be asked to remove the pet from the property immediately.** Repeat violations may result in additional disciplinary action, including termination of the lease.

Note: A small number of Apartment and Residence Life professional staff (Residence Directors) are approved to have one pet living in their apartment. All approved pets living in the apartments will be distinguished by a sign on their door.

**Smoking**

Effective August 1, 2011 the University of Texas at Arlington Campus will be tobacco free. All university property is tobacco free which includes all apartments and houses;
therefore, smoking in an apartment unit, house, or on university property which includes all apartment community spaces is prohibited. Residents found violating the smoking policy are subject to a $50 fine for each occurrence. The use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited on campus.

Smoking legal herbs, such as salvia, K2 herb, or any variation or substance that is similar in effects or smell to marijuana, or that requires the use of drug paraphernalia is prohibited in all apartments and houses and the property surrounding or considered part of the apartment community or house. The use of drug paraphernalia, pipes, bongs, roach clips, or similar devices will be treated as a violation of the University policy related to use and/or possession of illegal drugs.

**Trash and Common Area Expectations**

All residents benefit from clean and attractive grounds and common areas. To achieve a neat, safe, and health conscious community exterior, residents are expected to cooperate with the following regulations.

For safety reasons, all walkways, stairs, and balconies must allow at least 42” of unobstructed passage at all times. This regulation means that with the exception of a few plants (only decorative planters with live foliage are allowed outside your apartment) and a door mat, other resident-owned items are generally not allowed to be placed outside the apartment.

1. Do not place trash outside your residence or anywhere in the community other than the designated community dumpsters. Trash should remain in your residence or be taken immediately to the dumpster. Trash must be placed inside the dumpster and not left beside it.

2. Bikes may be kept only in a bike rack or inside your residence. They may not be attached to the railings or stairs.

3. Do not store barbecues and supplies outside your residence. Community barbecues are available for resident use, and personal barbecues and supplies may not be stored outside. Also propane may not be stored inside of your residence as this is a fire hazard.

4. Personal items such as shoes, clothes, or cleaning supplies cannot be kept outside your residence. Wet items (clothes, mops, etc) can dry in your bathroom and shoes can be placed on a rack inside your residence.

5. Do not place seating outside your residence. Only seating placed and provided by the University may be kept outside the residence.

6. Do not feed or care for animals outside your residence. Animals need responsible owners for proper care. Encouraging stray animals also invites fleas and other pests into the community. In addition, strays frequently create noise disturbances as they cry for food and attention.

7. Window coverings may only show white to the outside. All residences are furnished with blinds. Applying aluminum foil, screening films, or paper to windows is not allowed.

8. Remove all personal items from laundry facilities. Any personal items that remain in the laundry facility unattended will be considered abandoned and removed at the owner’s expense.

9. Properly dispose of mail. Unwanted mail addressed to you should be placed in a nearby recycling can or taken to your residence. If you receive mail that does not belong to you please write “Return to Sender” and place it in the outgoing mail slot. The recycling cans by the mailboxes are only for paper.

The University may remove and dispose of any item that may create an unsafe condition or is unsightly in the sole judgment of the Department of Apartment and Residence Life. Apartment Life staff conduct outdoor aesthetic checks for all apartments on a continuous basis. If a residence has a violation, notification is left
indicating the date of the occurrence and concerns noted. Residents found in violation of the trash and common area expectations will be charged $50.00 per incident and will be entered into the Student Conduct process.

Record of these violations will be maintained in the Apartment and Residence Life office. If a resident wishes to contest the evaluation of their exterior aesthetics or any violations they may submit a written appeal to their Residence Director within 24 hours of receiving notice.

**Unauthorized Locks**

Residents may not install key or combination operated locking devices on individual bedroom or bathroom doors. Only privacy locks that operate without a key or combination may be installed. Residents who are concerned about losses to personal property should purchase adequate insurance coverage or consider purchase of a residential safe. Residents found in violation of this policy will be required to remove any resident installed lock(s) and reinstall the University provided hardware to its original condition. Failure to cooperate with this request within 24 hours of delivery of notice may result in you being charged for labor and material costs to restore the door hardware to its original condition.

A resident may not remove, change, re-key, replace or alter a security device or have it removed, changed, re-keyed, replaced or altered without the written permission of the Executive Director of Management Services.

**YOUR SAFETY**

**Building Evacuation**

In the event of a continuous sounding of the fire alarm in the apartment vacate the building immediately according to the posted evacuation route by doing the following:

1. Stop what you are doing and walk, not run, to the primary or alternate stairwell or exit.
2. Take your keys with you.
3. Close and lock all doors behind you.
4. Once evacuated, remain at sufficient distance to ensure:
   a) Personal safety
   b) Safe performance of emergency operations
   c) Treatment and removal of the injured
5. Do not re-enter the building until the alarm is silenced and the “all clear” announcement is given by the emergency response team.

**Fire Safety – What to do in the Event of a Fire**

Each year, countless lives are lost and property destroyed due to residential fires. Sadly, many of these tragedies could be avoided by taking necessary precautions and being prepared to respond in the event of a fire emergency. The following steps should be taken in the event of a fire.

*Sound the alarm*

If you are the one to discover a fire, you should first sound the alarm. Call out as loudly as possible "Fire, Fire" and pull a general alarm station.

*Evacuate to a place of safety*

Residents should always evacuate to a place of safety when the alarm is sounded – even if they do not see any flames or smoke.

*Escape from fire and smoke*

Are you aware of exactly what you should do if there is a fire in your residence?
Are you aware that the toxic and noxious gasses given off by burning furnishings and structures, particularly with the new exotic synthetic materials, are known to deaden the normal senses and even in some cases act as mind-altering drugs?

Only a few breaths of smoke from some burning plastics are enough to cost you your life. This is why you should never go back in a burning building. Advise the professional, properly equipped fire fighters about people or pets needing to be rescued. Don't return for valuables. Remember, no material item is worth your life.

As you leave a burning building, close room doors to limit the spread of fire and smoke. Do not be too hasty in jumping from upper levels.

The message is loud and clear: stay out of the smoke and do not enter or reenter a burning building unless you are properly equipped or are certain you will not breathe the smoke. Only a couple of breaths can incapacitate you. A wet towel can reduce the potential for searing your lungs, but it won't filter out toxic gasses.

Before opening your door, place your hand on it to test for heat. If the door is hot, do not open it. If the door is not hot to the touch, brace yourself and open it slowly. If there is a heavy pressure and a rush of hot air and smoke, close it immediately and use your alternate escape method.

If you are on an upper level and cannot leave by a window, use towels or bed linen to stuff the opening around the door to keep the smoke and gasses out. Wetting them improves their sealing quality. Move to the window and open it slightly. If it is a double hung window, open it a few inches at the top to let smoke and gasses out. Then open it a little at the bottom to let in fresh air to breathe.

Use the small opening at the bottom to slip out a towel or some light colored material to attract attention. The first action by the Fire Department will be to rescue those trapped. Hanging a towel, a pillowcase or a sheet out the window will alert them to your plight. When help arrives, move the item from side to side so that it will be observed that someone is still in the room.

If you cannot get the windows open, use a shoe or book to break small openings at the top and bottom. Getting fresh air to breathe is essential if rescue is delayed at all.

STOP, DROP, AND ROLL if your clothing catches fire.

DO NOT RUN!! Drop to the floor or ground and ROLL. This does two things. It smothers the fire, but more importantly, it gets your head out of the flames. If your clothing is on fire, and you inhale, you breathe in fire and hot gasses. Just a few breaths and your chances of survival are greatly reduced. When you drop to the floor you are immediately able to breathe fresh air.

Your tender facial skin and lungs are not exposed to the searing flames and by rolling, you have the best chance of putting out the fire in your clothing. Remember this. Think about it. Tell your friends and particularly any children you might influence.

Clothing on Fire – STOP, DROP, AND ROLL.

Call or have someone else call the Fire Department by dialing 911.
Be sure residents are evacuated.

If possible, use a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. Remember, the most important action is to save lives. The next most important action is to call the Fire Department. A rule of thumb states that the size of a fire doubles every minute. Do not delay in calling for help.

Obviously there are many possibilities as to the size and spread of a fire. If you know you can put it out, then by all means do so. If you think it is too big - evacuate.

**Freezing Weather Precautions**

Icy temperatures can freeze water pipes, causing them to swell and burst. Once the ice thaws, water flows unrestricted. Water soaked carpets, ceilings, walls, and personal property are the result.

Residents are cautioned that all costs associated with necessary repairs to the premises will be the resident's responsibility if the resident does not take all due care to protect plumbing from weather damage. Residents are also responsible if their failure to take necessary precautions results in damage to their own and neighbors' personal property.

All residents are responsible to take the following precautions to protect their property from freezing weather:

1. Keep the apartment or house heated to at least 50 degrees 24 hours a day. (This is especially important to remember if you are going to be away for vacation.)
2. Leave cupboard doors open to keep pipes exposed to room temperatures.
3. Keep water in pipes moving by allowing hot and cold water faucets to drip. Do not close the bathroom door when leaving for long periods of time during freezing weather. Leaving water on higher than a drip and shutting the bathroom door could lead to bathroom damage which the resident is financially responsible for.
4. House residents should appropriately insulate outside pipes.

If you have any questions about your specific situation, please contact the Office of Facilities Management at 272-2000.

By following these simple recommendations, you may avoid suffering a loss. However, even these precautions offer no guarantee. All residents are strongly encouraged to secure their own renter's insurance policy to protect their property against these and other losses.

**Personal Safety**

Though we do our best to provide a safe living environment, safety is a personal responsibility as well. Here are some guidelines and easy to follow recommendations for keeping yourself and your residence safe:

Inside your apartment:

- **Always lock your doors.** Most thefts in our communities are the result of unlocked doors.
- Lock your doors and windows, even when you are at home.
- Use the deadbolt to secure your apartment when you are inside.
- When someone comes to your door, see who is there by looking through the peephole. Ask for identification if the person is a Facilities Management staff member or contractor. If in doubt, do not open the door and call the UTA police at 817-272-3003.
Never give your apartment key to another individual. If you lose your key, report the loss to University Housing immediately.

- Keep a list of serial numbers for your electronics and other items of value. This will greatly aid in recovering stolen goods.
- Keep valuables out of sight by closing blinds and storing items away from windows.
- Never leave a note on your door, or on social media sites sharing that you are out of town.

Outside your apartment:
- Do not walk alone at night.
- Tell your roommates or a friend where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Do not hide your apartment key above your door or under a door mat. These are the first places a thief will look.
- **Always lock your apartment/house door and windows when you leave. Failure to lock your apartment door when you are not inside will result in a referral to Student Conduct.**

**Renter's Insurance Recommendations**
Residents are strongly urged to secure their own personal property or renter’s insurance, health, life, and any other insurance to protect against damages or losses to persons or property.

**Tornado and Severe Weather Precautions**
In the event of a tornado or other threatening, severe weather, the following steps should be taken:

1) Stay tuned to television or radio broadcasts that track the storm's progress.
2) Keep a flashlight and portable radio with batteries nearby in case you lose electric service.
3) Listen for the following:
   a) **Tornado Watch**: Severe weather conditions exist that make a tornado possible. Prepare to take shelter.
   b) **Tornado Warning**: A tornado has been sighted in the area. Take shelter
   c) **Tornado Siren**: A tornado is in the immediate area. Take shelter Immediately
4) **Do not** look out the window.
5) **Do not** activate the fire alarm system.
6) If a tornado is in the area, stay at the lowest possible level inside your residence and away from exterior walls and windows if possible. Bathtub areas, strengthened by plumbing fixtures and pipes, and interior closets, designed without windows, are generally safer than other areas. Cover yourself with a mattress or blankets to lessen the chance of injury from falling and flying debris.
7) Kneel facing the wall and protect the back of your head and neck with your hands and forearms until the danger has passed.

**Vacation or Absence from Unit**
The University Housing Office recommends that if you will be on vacation or temporarily absent from the residence during the term of the lease you notify your Resident Assistant. We also suggest that you make arrangements for the suspension of mail and newspaper delivery.

**MAINTENANCE and SERVICES**

**Extermination**
As always, it is important you maintain good housekeeping habits in order to reduce the likelihood for pest infestation. Your living area should be clean and free of obstacles such as clothes and books on the floor. Food should be in sealed containers. Residents are encouraged to maintain good housekeeping.
experiencing an infestation problem, remove belongings from cabinets and drawers to achieve the most thorough treatment.

All apartments are professionally exterminated for ants and roaches every month. Our extermination contractor uses an Integrated Pest Management (I.P.M.) system for pest control. I.P.M. is an approach to solving pest issues that applies knowledge about specific pests to prevent infestations. I.P.M. means responding to pest problems with the most effective, least risk options. The first step of I.P.M. is inspection. A visual inspection will be performed of each apartment. Upon completion of inspection, the Technician will determine the second step; treatment of a specific pest, exclusion to help prevent entry of specific pest into given unit, and/or recommendation that a sanitation issue needs resolution. A room entry notice will be left in the unit after inspection is complete. Chemicals will only be applied if there appears to be an infestation issue upon the inspection. When treatment is necessary, in most cases it will be in the form of bait or crack and crevice treatment. This will ensure that in most cases pesticides will not be airborne. This approach is very un-intrusive to residents. In the event that a residence requires treatment where airborne materials are needed, the contractor will notify UTA.

If you are in need of extra extermination services at any time, please contact Facilities Management at 817-272-2000 or fill out a work order at uta.edu/fixit. Do not treat your apartment yourself, submit a work order to allow the pest control service company to properly inspect and treat the unit. Effective August, 2016 residents who fail to report pest control issues immediately to Facilities Management will receive a monetary fine of $75 and referred to the student conduct process. Residents that are found to have pest control issues are not eligible for a lease assumption.

Residents who need to refuse professional extermination service because of a medical condition must keep a note continuously posted on the entry door of the apartment which states, "Do Not Exterminate For Medical Reasons." In addition, residents who refuse professional extermination service must allow access to their apartment for inspection purposes.

Beginning in September 2005, university houses were included in the professional extermination schedule. Houses will be scheduled for service once every three months.

Tracking System
Ideal Partners also uses a Tracking System. Each residence hall room and apartment has been issued a barcode (barcodes should be located on the door frames in the residence halls and on the back of a kitchen cabinet door in the apartments). Each time a residence is visited by a Technician, the barcode will be scanned and details about the conditions in the residence can be recorded. UTA will have access to the information to track how often a residence is treated and what treatments have been completed. This system should allow us to better control and respond to resident pest control issues.

BED BUGS
As you may have seen in recent media reports, bed bugs have resurfaced in the United States in the past five years. They have been found in buses, ships, movie theaters, apartments, residence halls, and high-end hotels. Bed bugs travel from place-to-place in suitcases, bedding, used furniture, people, and other transient items. For this reason they have been dubbed “the great hitchhikers.”

Bed bugs were common household pests in the United States before World War II. But with the widespread use of DDT during the 1940s and '50s, the bugs all but vanished. The pests remained prevalent, though, in other regions of the world including Asia, Africa, Central/South America and Europe. In recent years, bed bugs have also made a comeback in the U.S.
Bed bugs have not been proven to transmit disease, but they are an irritant which may cause a local reaction. Bed bugs usually bite people at night while they are sleeping. The person seldom knows they are being bitten. Symptoms thereafter vary with the individual. Some people develop an itchy welt or localized swelling, while others have little or no reaction. The medical significance of a bed bug bite is mainly limited to the itching and inflammation from their bites. The usual treatment prescribed is topical application of antiseptic or antibiotic creams or lotions to prevent infection.

**I think I might have bed bugs. What should I do?**
If you believe your apartment may be infested with bedbugs, please do the following.

2. Our contracted extermination service provider will perform a bed bug inspection to verify the presence of bed bugs in your unit.
3. If bed bugs are confirmed during the inspection, a treatment date will be scheduled. The contractor will leave a preparation booklet in your apartment along with a treatment date. A staff member will come by your unit the day before the scheduled treatment to complete an inspection of the apartment.
4. Before 8:00am on the scheduled treatment date, please complete the following preparations.
   - Move clothing, books, and personnel belongings from each of the affected rooms, areas and/or closets. Place items in the common area or in the middle of the bedroom.
   - Remove all belongings from luggage or backpacks. Put your belongings in a clear plastic bag and leave the luggage or backpack open and readily available. Bags should be sealed or tied. Empty and leave all luggage open and in the center of the room.
   - Move furniture, belongings, etc. at least two feet away from the walls in the affected room(s) (unless furniture is built in).
   - Wash all bed linens, clothing, towels, and other linens and place the clean items inside plastic bins or plastic garbage bags. Store them in the middle of the living room or in the middle of the bedroom until after treatment. (Carry all items to and from laundry facilities in a plastic bag)
   - Vacuum mattresses, floors, furniture and inside closets, dresser drawers and bed frames. **Please make sure the vacuum cleaner bag is disposed of in a dumpster away from the building. If not, the bed bugs will crawl back out of the bag.**
   - Ensure there are no animals or people in the unit during the bed bug treatment and for two hours after the treatment is performed. If you have fish, please cover the tank or bowl with a damp cloth.

Appropriate and thorough resident preparation is the only way the treatment will be effective.

5. The treatment is done at the university’s expense as long as the resident completes all required preparations.
6. If preparations are not complete properly by the time the contractor arrives at the residents, the resident will be charged a $25.00 rescheduling fee and the service will be rescheduled.
7. If preparations are still not complete by the second scheduled date:
   - The resident will be responsible for paying the full cost of the treatment. (approximately $175)
   - The resident will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for failure to comply with a university official.
   - The treatment date will be rescheduled again and the resident MUST complete all preparations accordingly to avoid further charges and conduct referrals.
   - Residents that reschedule their appointment must schedule a new appointment for the service to be completed within a week of the cancelled appointment.
Carpet Replacement
If carpet is determined to be “uncleanable” or has damages beyond normal wear and tear at the time of move out the leaseholder will be responsible for paying for replacement costs.

Internet Service
High-speed internet service is provided at no additional charge at Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, and Timber Brook Apartments. At these locations, two Ethernet connections are provided in each bedroom and living room. High-speed internet service is provided at no additional charge at University Village Apartments. At University Village, two Ethernet connections will be provided in each living room. High-speed internet services at Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, Timber Brook, and University Village can be upgraded for an additional fee. Residents of all other apartment communities may contract with their own internet service provider. If UTA provides internet service to the Premises, internet service levels and/or providers may be changed during the contract period if such changes apply uniformly to all residents of the building containing the Premises. Residents residing in units that provide internet service are not allowed to use additional routers.

Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, Timber Brook and University Village Residents Only (effective August 15, 2010):
• Apogee, an independent service provider, will provide a wired internet service connection for each resident with download speeds of 6 Mbps.
  o Download speed shall increase annually by 1 Mbps after the first year of service.
• WIFI – Wireless service throughout the residence shall be provided to all residents (activation date yet to be determined).
• Apogee will provide 24-7 Network Help Desk Support.
• Apogee will provide Gaming Devices Support.
• Residents will have the option to purchase upgraded internet services from Apogee if desired.

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**Pricing and terms of upgraded services are subject to change.**

Laundry Facilities

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The Lofts at College Park | Individual Washer and Dryer | In Each Apartment
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Timber Brook | Individual Washer and Dryer | In Each Apartment
University Village | Unlimited Laundry | University Village East and West Side Laundry Rooms

If at any time a problem arises with the laundry facilities, contact UTA Facilities at 817-272-2000 or by filling out a work order at uta.edu/fixit. Please make sure you have the machine number and a description of the issue when contacting them. Help keep the laundry rooms clean. Do not leave clothes in washer or dryer for extended periods of time. Housing and Apartment and Residence Life will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged clothes.

With the exception of Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, Timber Brook Apartments, The Lofts, and The Heights on Pecan university apartments were not designed to accommodate washers and dryers in individual apartments. Therefore, residents may not use or store laundry equipment in their apartment.

**Lawns**
A lawn services company will mow and edge the front yards at University-owned houses. It is the responsibility of the residents living in University owned houses to maintain the lawns in the side and rear of the house and all shrubs. House residents are also responsible for their own leaf pick up and removal as well as other lawn debris.

**Lock Outs**
Emergency lockout services are only available to leaseholders and registered additional occupants authorized on the lease. Unregistered roommates or unregistered family members are not eligible for lock out services. The lessee is required to update the lease information as necessary to accurately record all occupants currently occupying the property. Effective August, 2016, leaseholders and occupants utilizing lock out services will be charged a $25.00 lock out fee. Procedures for emergency lock out services are as follows:

1. If locked out between 8:00am and 5:00pm on weekdays, go to the University Housing in the University Center. A temporary key will be issued for you to access your residence.
2. If locked out after hours, call the On Call RA for your community.

**Meadow Run and University Village On Call RA Phone Number 817-690-9389**

**Arbor Oaks, Timber Brook, and Cooper Chase RA On Call Phone 817-600-0382**

**East Campus Apartments On Call RA Phone Number 817-690-9346**
(The Lofts, Garden Club, Maple Square, Center Point)

**Mail**
The United States Postal Service provides mail delivery to all UTA apartments and houses. Mailboxes are often clustered with other UTA-owned apartments in the area. Mailbox locations are given below.

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Residents are expected to properly dispose of any unwanted mail in an appropriate receptacle and may be subject to a fine up to $150 for littering. If you receive mail that does not belong to you please write “Return to Sender” and place it in the outgoing mail slot.

It is the responsibility of each UTA Housing resident to see that their correct street address and apartment number (if applicable), city, state, and zip code are given to those from whom they might receive mail. Residents should also file a mail forwarding card with the post office upon vacating University Housing.

**Maintenance and Repairs**

The Office of Facilities Management is located in the JD Wetsel Services Building on the corner of Mitchell and Davis Streets. Residents are requested to cooperate with University Housing in the care and maintenance of all the premises, including the grounds, and to report promptly to the University Housing any damages or unsafe conditions. Residents must not adjust, modify, or tamper with any mechanical, electrical, or gas operated equipment that is furnished by University Housing. Utility rooms and closets should not be used for storage.

Routine problems of maintenance and repair should be reported promptly to the Office of Facilities Management Fix-It Line by calling 817-272-2000. Residents may also submit routine work requests online by going [www.uta.edu/fixit](http://www.uta.edu/fixit).

When you phone in a maintenance request, a work order will be completed and Facilities Management will respond as soon as possible. The Office of Facilities Management endeavors to complete routine service requests within twenty-four (24) hours; however, there are times when it is not possible. No routine service will be performed on Saturday, Sunday, or any official University holiday.

The Office of Facilities Management replaces air conditioning filters in apartments approximately every 90 days.

**Maintenance Emergencies**

Facilities Management personnel are on call for emergencies after 4:30pm on weekdays, during weekends, and holidays. An Emergency is defined as a situation that endangers health, safety, or property and not a condition of temporary inconvenience. Residents of UTA Housing units are encouraged to follow the steps defined below when reporting maintenance emergencies.

1. Resident should telephone the emergency request to 817-272-2000; this phone is answered twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week including holidays. After hours calls will be answered by voice mail.
2. Resident must provide the following:
   a. Name of resident
   b. Address including apartment number
   c. Telephone number where resident can be reached
   d. Description of problem resident is experiencing.

3. Resident must remain at the location of the telephone number given. A Facilities Management technician on call will telephone the resident to determine the nature of the emergency request. The technician will decide whether an immediate response is necessary or if repairs should be scheduled the next scheduled workday.

Mold
The presence of mold in buildings is receiving increased attention by almost everyone. Our goal is to provide you some information on how to prevent and respond to mold concerns in your residence.

To begin, it is important to recognize that molds are part of the natural environment. Outdoors, molds play a part in nature by breaking down dead organic matter such as fallen leaves and dead trees, but indoors, mold growth should be avoided. Molds reproduce by means of tiny spores; the spores are invisible to the naked eye and float through outdoor and indoor air. There are many types of mold, and none of them will grow without water or moisture. Molds are usually not a problem indoors, unless mold spores land on a wet or damp spot and begin growing in significant concentrations.

It is impossible to get rid of all mold and mold spores indoors; some mold spores will be found floating through the air and in household dust. Mold growth can and should be prevented or controlled by controlling moisture indoors. If there is mold growth in your residence, you must clean up the mold and fix the water problem. If you clean up the mold, but don't fix the water problem, then, most likely, the mold problem will come back.

Moisture control is the key to mold control. The following suggestions will assist you in preventing or controlling mold growth in your home.

1. When water leaks, or spills occur indoors - ACT QUICKLY. In most cases mold will not grow if wet or damp materials or areas are dried 24-48 hours after a leak or spill happens.
2. If you see condensation or moisture collecting on windows, walls or pipes ACT QUICKLY to dry the wet surface and reduce the moisture/water source. Condensation can be a sign of high humidity.
3. Keep indoor humidity and condensation low by following the steps outlined below:
   a) If humidity levels are high, use air conditioning.
   b) If condensation is high, increase ventilation, air movement, and temperature. Use fans as needed.
   c) Run the bathroom fan when showering.
4. Clean your bathroom and kitchen frequently. Scrub mold off hard surfaces with detergent and water, and dry completely.
5. If you discover a plumbing, roof or other leak in your residence or you suspect mold growth, you are required to promptly report the concern to Facilities Management at 817-272-2000. If you do not report leaks or mold growth immediately, the situation may worsen. Residents who fail to promptly report any of the conditions noted above or fail to properly maintain and clean their residence may be held liable for associated damages, repairs, and cleaning costs.
Parking
Residents living in University Apartments, including additional occupants, who own vehicle(s), must have a valid University Housing apartment permit, if the vehicle(s) will be parked on the apartment parking lot. Residents are required to follow all parking rules and regulations established by the University Police Department Parking Office. All vehicles of residents of University houses must be parked in driveways or on the street in front of the house as long as it is not a violation of local law or restrictive parking. Vehicles must not be parked on the lawn.

On occasion the University of Texas at Arlington may host events on campus that may require residents to temporarily relocate vehicles to alternate parking facilities than for that in which the permit is for. Residents should obey all parking signs, printed notices, and emails regarding parking updates and information.

If you own and operate a motorcycle, scooter, motor bike, etc., these must be parked in the parking lots and may not be kept inside apartments and houses. They may be parked on the property of houses. If you live in an apartment, you will not be able to "hook-up" any type of electricity line to a vehicle.

Phone Service
Residents of Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, Timber Brook and University Village may purchase VOIP phone service through the university-approved internet service provider (Apogee) for an additional fee. All other apartment residents may contract for phone service through a local phone service provider.

TV Service
TV service is provided at no additional charge at Arbor Oaks, Meadow Run, Timber Brook, and The Lofts Apartments where TV signal may be delivered via cable or satellite feed depending on location. TV services at these locations can be upgraded to include premium channels for an additional fee. Residents of all other apartment communities may contract for TV services through a local cable TV service provider. If UTA provides TV service to the Premises, TV service levels, providers, and/or channel offerings may be changed during the lease term if such changes apply uniformly to all residents of the building containing the Premises.

- Apogee, an independent service provider, will provide a cable TV service connection to each resident's room.
- Standard TV service includes 83 channels (62 channels in HD); including several premium channels
- Residents will have the option to purchase upgraded premium TV services from Apogee if desired.

Water Heaters
Water heaters are both gas and electric. Temperature settings should be approximately 120 degrees Fahrenheit to economize on energy. Pop-off valves are on all heaters to release pressure. Gas water heaters have automatic controls to stop the flow of gas if the pilot light goes out. If a water leak occurs in the tank, call the Office of Facilities Management at 272-2000 to prevent damage to floors and carpets.