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The Office of Housing and Residential Life:

Thanksgiving and Winter Break Residence Hall Closing Information

As we get closer to Halloween, it's time to start thinking about your plans for Thanksgiving Break and Winter Break! Please read the information below carefully and share this with your parents/guardians/support folks so that they may help you develop your plans for the upcoming breaks. Thank you for your time and attention to this message!

THANKSGIVING BREAK: 28 Days Away!

When Do the Residence Halls Close: First-year student halls and Niejadlik Hall will CLOSE for Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:00pm. All electronic access to these halls will turn off at this time. Students are expected to have left the residence hall before fobs are shut off. Upper-level student halls (except Niejadlik Hall) remain open during the break, however any student staying on campus after Tuesday, November 25th at 6:00pm are required to complete a Thanksgiving Break Housing Application found in the [MyHousing Portal](#).

Thanksgiving Break Housing: Whether you are in a hall that is open or closed for Thanksgiving Break, if you need to be on-campus between November 25th at 6:00pm to November 30th at 10:00am you must complete a Thanksgiving Break Housing Application. The application is live and can be found in the [MyHousing Portal](#) and should be completed by noon on Wednesday, November 19th.

Students With a Tuesday Night Class: Students who have a Tuesday night class that either ends or starts after 6:00pm are NOT expected to skip class. Students should complete their pre-break expectations and be packed before class and should attend class. These students will have until 11:00p.m. to leave the residence hall for break. To request this extension, submit a Thanksgiving Break Housing Application in the MyHousing Portal.

Make Your Travel Plans Now: Start talking with your support folks on scheduling rides or making travel arrangements now. It is also suggested to create a weather back-up plan in case plans are impacted by inclement weather.

Before Leaving for Break: Students leaving for break must complete the following before

departing from campus. This is to prevent any issues of cleanliness or pests. All rooms are going to be entered and inspected by Housing Staff after Thanksgiving Break starts.

- Remove all trash and recycling and dispose of in the dumpsters outside.

Residents will be charged \$25 per bag removed by staff.

- Unplug all electronics except personal refrigerators or campus-provided appliances.
- Vacuum/sweep floors
- Wipe down the counters, sinks, desks, shelves etc
- Remove all open perishable foods.

Leftovers, fruit, veggies, open cans/boxes of food

- Take home or wash your dirty laundry and linens.
- Bring home anything on the [prohibited items list](#).

Visit your hall's office before leaving for break to pick up anything you've had confiscated and don't bring it back to campus! All confiscated items will be disposed of when the halls close for Winter Break on December 12th.

Thanksgiving Break Housing: Any student (even those who live in a hall that closes) who needs to be on campus between November 25th at 6:00pm to November 30th at 10:00am must complete a Thanksgiving Break Housing Application. The application is live and can be found in the [MyHousing Portal](#) and should be completed by noon on Wednesday, November 19th.

When Do the Residence Halls Reopen: All halls closed for break will open on Sunday, November 30th at 10:00am. Students may return at their leisure. Hurley Hall will reopen for dinner at 5:00pm. Residence Hall offices will reopen, and housing staff will be available at 7:00pm.

WINTER BREAK: 45 Days Away!

When Do the Residence Halls Close: All residence halls (first-year and upper-level) will CLOSE on Friday, December 12th at 6:00pm. Students are expected to check out of housing with a Housing Staff Member within 24-hours of their last final exam, or before December 12th at 6:00pm, whichever occurs first.

Fall 2025 Final Exams: The Fall 2025 Final Exam Schedule can be found [HERE](#).

Make Your Travel Plans Now: Review your class syllabi and the Fall 2025 Final Exam Schedule to plan when you need to check out of housing for Winter Break. Start making your travel plans now and create a weather back up plan in case we are impacted by inclement weather.

Before Leaving for Break: Students are not expected to completely move out of their housing assignment unless they are requesting a Spring 2026 room change, graduating, or transferring. Students may leave some belongings in their housing assignment, but it's best to bring home any valuables. Student will also receive instructions on what they need to do before leaving for break and how to properly check out with a Housing Staff Member. This information will be emailed, posted to housing assignment doors, posted in halls, and floor/building meetings will be scheduled to ensure all are informed.

Winter Break Housing: Students who need to stay on campus between December 12th and January 17th are required to complete a Winter Break Housing Application which will go live in the MyHousing Portal starting on November 1st. Winter break housing will cost \$364/week. Additional information on Winter Break Housing will be coming in November 2025.

Spring Semester Move In: All residence halls will reopen for the spring semester on Sunday, January 18th at 10:00am.