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GUIDE TO APARTMENT LIVING

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW APARTMENT!

Living in an apartment signifies a new step for you and your roommates. You'll enjoy more freedom and independence—but you'll have some new responsibilities, too! This guide will help you as you adjust to your new space. If you need more assistance, reach out to the Office of Residence Life at (610) 519-4154.

GENERAL TIPS

- Update your on-campus mailing address.
- Create a clear and detailed Roommate Living Agreement with your roommates.
- Use headphones instead of speakers to listen to music. Be sure to listen at a safe volume!
- Communicate when guests will be visiting, and for how long.
- Discuss what items will be shared (and what's off-limits).
- Make a list of who brought what for common spaces.

CLEANING TIPS

- Set a regular cleaning schedule for certain tasks. Write out a list of what needs to be cleaned, and schedule tasks daily, weekly, monthly or more.
- Check cleaning products to make sure they are right for the job.
- Vacuum and mop floors weekly.
- Wash hand towels and keep paper towels in stock.
- Wipe down frequently-touched surfaces, like doors, cabinets and light switches.
- Use glass cleaner to clean windows and mirrors.
- Open your windows while cleaning to let in fresh air and ventilate rooms.

KITCHEN

- Do not pour grease down the drain.
- Take out trash regularly. Replace trash bags immediately.
- Clean up spills and crumbs to prevent pests.
- Check the fridge for expired food.
- Use the microwave fan when cooking on the stovetop.
- Clean out the sink strainer every day.
- Store open food items in sealed containers.
- Switch out the kitchen sponge every few weeks.
- Dump out liquids before throwing containers in the trash.
- Purchase a water filter to keep in the fridge.
- Use a drying rack after washing plates and glasses.

BEDROOM

- Do laundry often. Don't let it pile up in the hamper.
- Make the bed every morning.
- Fold and organize clothing in your dresser.
- Find decorations that will make the space feel like yours.
- Use the space underneath your bed for storage.
- Request to have your bed raised or lowered to match your preference.

BATHROOM

- Keep backup rolls of toilet paper.
- Let towels dry on racks, not in hampers, to prevent mold growth.
- Clean toilets and vanity areas often.
- Empty out the shower drain to prevent clogs.
- Scrub the shower using a shower cleaning product to prevent mold and mildew.
- Dispose of empty toiletry containers.
- Keep a trash can in the bathroom.
- Use a bath mat outside of the shower to prevent slipping.