COOKING GUIDELINES

**Section:** Residential Facilities

**Policy:** Residents, staff and guests who cook in residential facilities must abide by appliance and area use guidelines outlined in the Community Guide.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide safe cooking guidelines within University Housing.

**Scope:** This policy applies to residents, guests and staff of University Housing.

**Procedure:**

I. Cooking in residence hall rooms is limited to the following appliances which should only be used for their intended purposes:

- Sealed-unit coffee makers
- Sealed-unit popcorn poppers
- Toasters
- Microwaves (not to exceed 1 cubic foot and 700 watts)

II. Kitchens are provided in each residence hall, the East Campus Village apartments, University Village apartments, Kenny Road and McGowan townhouses, the Gilmore Circle homes, and the staff apartment in the residence halls.

III. As well as the appliances listed above, the following appliances can be used in the apartment kitchens.

- Hot pots
- Crock pots
- Instant pots

IV. Food being prepared and cooked must not be left unattended.

V. Residents should keep combustible materials away from the cooking units as recommended by the manufacturer.

VI. Kitchens should be kept clean upon completion of use. Cleanliness is essential due to the problems that unsanitary conditions create (e.g. odors, pests). Residents are held responsible for any damages or excessive clean-up charges resulting from cooking.

VII. Personal items should not be left in the residence hall kitchen areas after use.

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