

COOKING GUIDELINES

Section: Residence Halls

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, staff and guests 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
 - Microwaves (not to exceed 1 cubic foot and 700 watts)
- II. Community kitchens are provided in each residence hall. Private or semi-private kitchens are provided in East Campus Village apartments, University Village apartments, McGowan townhouses, the Gilmore Circle homes and staff apartments located within the residence halls.
- III. As well as the appliances listed above, the following appliances may be used in private/semi-private kitchens:
 - Air Fryers
 - Crock pots
 - Sealed-unit hot pots
 - Toasters
 - Toaster Ovens
- IV. Food being prepared and cooked must not be left unattended. In addition, residents must ensure all food preparation and cooking appliances are turned off prior to leaving the kitchen or cooking area.
- V. Residents should keep combustible materials away from 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 community kitchens after use.

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