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Francis Marion University Student Housing

Residence Life Newsletter

Where will you live in the spring?

You may have missed the official room sign up week but you still need to make sure that you have all of your paperwork in order for housing next semester.

If you did nothing, you will be in the same space that you are now in for the spring 2009 semester. Your balance for housing will automatically show up on your bill/fee schedule for next semester.

If you did nothing and would like to know if moving is still an option, it is. You can come to the Housing Office and see what spaces we have available. Remember that because the room sign-up process has passed, the number of available rooms is small but there are still some residence hall spaces left.

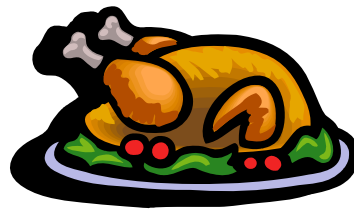
If you signed up for a different space, congratulations on making a move for next semester. Your new assignment will be on your bill/fee schedule for the spring 2009 semester.



The Pay Date is December 8, 2008

If you are not returning to housing for the spring 2009 semester please make sure that you come to the Housing Office and officially withdraw for next semester. If you fail to go through the correct process the fees for housing will show up on your bill and you could be held responsible for paying the entire amount.

Holiday Closings



Erving Dining Hall will be closed November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving Break and will reopen normal operating hours on Saturday, November 29th.

The Housing Office will be closed Tuesday, November 4th for election day. We will reopen during normal hours on Wednesday, November 5th.

We will also be closed on November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving Break. We will reopen during normal hours on Monday, November 29th.

If you need assistance during these times please call the RA desk at 4672 or Campus Police at 1109.

**We will be conducting health and safety inspections
Monday, November 10th through Friday, November 19th
from 9:00am until 6:00pm.**

**Residence Hall
Students Will Not
Be Allowed To Stay
Over The Break
NO EXCEPTIONS**



Helpful Tips for Living in FMU Student Housing

- *If you have a maintenance problem please put in a work order in the Housing Office. If it is not fixed within 48 hours please call us so we can address the problem and make sure it gets fixed.*
- *Be respectful of your neighbors. Keep the noise to a minimum. We all have a right to live in a peaceful place.*
- *If you are having problems with your roommate do a roommate contract. You can pick one up from your RA. This is a great way to start a conversation and to solve some small problems before they get too big.*
- *Make sure you do your part in keeping the residential facilities neat and clean. If you see a spill (or even cause one) call the Housing Office so we can have someone come clean it up. Take all personal trash to the trash room (NOT under the stairs) and avoid leaving trash in the halls.*

So now you know where you are going to live. What do you do next?

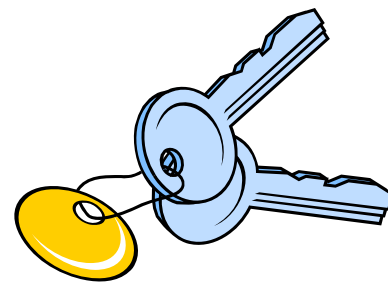
If you are not returning or you are changing spaces there are several things that you need to do to be prepared to leave.

- The room should look the way it did when you moved in
- Moved furniture back—it is a violation of housing policy to move the furniture
- Remove all personal belongings
- Clean the room thoroughly
- You will need to come to housing to have your room checked before you leave for damages and return all of your keys

If you are returning to the same space next semester there are things that you need to do to be prepared to leave

- You do not have to take all of your personal belongings with you
- The room should be neat and clean.
- Take out all trash
- Empty the refrigerator
- Unplug everything

There will be more detailed information published in December's newsletter.



Once the Intellikey doors deactivate for the fall semester your keys will no longer work until the spring semester.

The residence halls will close on December 10th at 12:00pm (noon). You will need to be prepared to leave for the break no more than 24 hours after your last exam.