

Off-Campus Living Resources



OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

Where to look for housing

Bulletin boards at the HUB, Pattee Library and other strategic areas throughout the campus for individual postings

- Off-campus living website –www.sa.psu.edu/ocl
- Yellow pages under Apartments/Realtors
- Chamber of Commerce, 131 South Fraser Street
- The Centre Daily Times Classifieds
- The Collegian (when school is in session) Classifieds Bargain Sheet-every Thursday

Why use one:

- To ensure that you get what you paid for.
- So that you do not pay for things you did not damage
- To make sure you get your security deposit back when you leave
- To eliminate misunderstanding between you and the landlord

To establish and maintain a positive relationship with your landlord

How to do it:

- Get roommates, relatives or acquaintances to help you inspect your unit
- Examine your living quarters room by room for general cleanliness
- Examine carpet for burns, tears, spots and dirt, etc
- Examine walls and ceilings for holes, large and small

Bathroom, kitchen and laundry room

- Look for water leaks, loose fixtures, missing light bulbs, leaky faucets
- Look behind the stove and refrigerator for cleanliness

Consider taking a video or pictures of your apartment and provide your landlord with copies

What now?

With a completed list:

- Ask landlord to accompany you on a tour of the unit
- If landlord refuses, make copy of damage checklist, have it notarized
- Send a copy of damage checklist to landlord with a letter requesting repairs to be made by a certain date
- Keep copy of all communications

Some leases require that such notices be given by certified mail.

RENTER'S INSURANCE

When you rent, you make a big investment in the things that help make your apartment or house a home.

The value of your furniture, stereo system, television, computer, clothes, jewelry and other personal belongings add up before you know it. You could face having to replace some or all of those items by falling victim to an act of vandalism, fire, or theft.

If you can't afford this kind of loss, then you may need the protection Renter's insurance provides.

Before investing in Renter's Insurance, you may want to compute the value of your personal property. Use the following list to estimate your investment.

ITEM	VALUE
Furniture	\$ _____
Living room	\$ _____
Kitchen/Dining room	\$ _____
Bedrooms	\$ _____
Family Room	\$ _____
Appliances	\$ _____
Clothing, linens	\$ _____
T.V., stereo, tapes, CD	\$ _____
Computer/equipment	\$ _____
Jewelry	\$ _____
Collections (stamps/coins etc)	\$ _____
Cameras, musical equipment	\$ _____
Silverware	\$ _____
Art objects, antiques	\$ _____
Guns, sports equipment	\$ _____
Tools	\$ _____
Carpeting, rugs	\$ _____
Chinaware/glassware	\$ _____
Books	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

The price of coverage is not high when compared to the value of your personal property.

ROOMMATES

With whom you live is a crucial as where you live. Therefore choose your roommate based on similar likes and dislikes.

- Do your potential roommates like to study or do they prefer to party?
- Are you a non-smoker?
- Whose name will the bills be in and who will pay them?
- Who will buy the food and who will do the cooking?
- Will sleepovers be allowed and for how long?

These are just a few of the questions you should ask your potential roommate before you move in together. For additional assistance or questions, contact the Office of Off-Campus Living

FURNITURE

To Buy or to Rent, That is the Question

Now that you have an apartment, you need to furnish it with something besides bricks, 2 x 4's and milk crates.

Why rent?

- You don't have to pay out a lump sum of money.
- You make monthly or weekly payments
- When you are ready to leave the area, you call the renter to pick everything up.
- You get new or nearly new furniture. You are only limited by the amount you can afford to pay monthly

Why buy?

- It's yours
- You can sell it to recoup some of what you invested when you leave.
- You pay for it one time
- Take it with you if you need to move

The following is a small list of individuals who are in the business of furniture rental and buying.

Furniture rental

RENTWAY

111 North Allegheny Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814)-355-7500

IFR-INTERIOR FURNITURE RESOURCE

(800)-347-9277

USED FURNITURE:

CENTRE PEACE INC

3013 Benner Pike
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814)-353-9081
Open Friday and Saturday 9AM-4PM

GOLDEN LEAF NEW & USED FURNITURE WAREHOUSE

Route 322 East
Between Boalsburg and Potters Mills (814)-364-9592

LOCAL STORAGE COMPANIES:

Global Van Lines 10-6, M-F
6 AM-11 PM/daily-access
814-231-3000

Hold It self Storage 8-5, M-F
814—238-2101 8AM-9PM, M-F access

Houtz Self Storage 8-5, M-F 24-Hour Access
814-692-8232

North American 8-5, M-F
Van Lines 8AM-4: 30PM, M-F access
814-237-4975

Rud-Cor By appointment 24 Hour Access
814-364-1148

Stor-All 9-6, M-F 24 Hour access
814-235-7867 9-3, Sat

Stowaway 9-4:30, M-F 8-8, daily access
814-234-2900

PARKING

- If you can avoid bringing a car to campus, do so.
- When parking on or off campus, park only where your permit allows.
- Some apartments charge extra for parking.

Continental Real Estate
Phone: 283-1598

Associated Realty
456 E. Beaver Ave
Ph: 814-237-0977
S.C. Sun Corporation
422 Clay Lane
Ph: 814-238-4938

Arlan Temeles
Insurance Office
256 E. Fairmount Ave
Ph: 814-238-6620

Municipal Parking
Garage
Ph: 814-234-7100
Availability and prices may vary from agency to agency.
Check the Bargain Sheet and The Collegian for individuals renting garage parking spaces

With Joint and Several Leases, if all of your roommates destroy (trash) the apartment, graduate, get jobs and leave the area and you are the only person left, you will be held financially liable for all damages incurred.

If one roommate does not pay the rent on time and that results in a late fee being assessed to your rent, the group is responsible for the debt.

Parents who guarantee lease agreements can be held responsible for tenant debts, which belong to their child's