

Resident Expectations



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Scope: This policy applies to residents of Antioch College			

Introduction

Residents should hold each other accountable for their living environments. It is expected that all residents will attend all hall meetings, orientations, and special workshops that build community and provide the necessary tools for engaging conflict in positive ways. Residents who choose not to or are uncomfortable confronting a situation may contact Residence Life staff to assist.

Residents should also feel comfortable contacting Public Safety. In the event of an emergency, dial 911. The Residence Life team is here to help foster a healthy living environment for all.

Requests for exceptions to these policies must be submitted in writing to Residence Life and approved prior to residents making any changes.

Children and Dependents

Children (non-Antioch College students under the age of 18) may not live on campus. A parental guardian waiver must be signed for any overnight guest under the age of 18. For further information, refer to Housing Occupancy Contract.

Quiet Hours

Loud talking or music, bouncing a ball, or other disruptive activities in rooms, courtyards, lounges, stairwells, hallways, or lobby areas is prohibited. Stereos, radios, TVs, instruments/equipment and other sound systems should not be played so loudly that it disturbs others. Failure to comply or continued disturbances may result in the immediate removal of any of the above items from the residential community. Speakers may not be placed in windows or doorways. Residents are responsible for turning down sound systems or discontinuing noisy activity if requested to do so by another person or staff member at any time. Students in violation of Quiet Hours/Courtesy Hours policy may receive verbal or written warnings, educational sanctions, or fines. Repeated violations and continued disruptive behavior could lead to removal from housing.

A. Quiet Hours are enforced regardless of holidays or term breaks:

Sunday - Thursday 11:00 PM - 9:00 AM

Friday - Saturday 1:00 AM - 9:00 AM

B. Courtesy Hours are enforced 24-hours a day. At no time should residents' noise

level interfere with the academic pursuit in the residential community.

C. Approved Emotional Support Animals' (ESAs) behavior may not be disruptive to its surroundings or other members of the Antioch College community. Noise disruptions caused by ESAs can be reported to Residence Life and may result in an animal being excluded from the campus and can lead to disciplinary action.

D. Amplified and other musical Instruments

Students living on-campus are entitled to an environment conducive to sleep and study. Amplified instruments prohibit students from sleeping and studying and are therefore not allowed to be used in individual student rooms, apartments, or public residence areas. Other instruments must be played at a level unable to be heard outside the room. Amplifiers may be stored but may not be used.

Sports

In order to create a safe environment, playing or participating in sporting events in rooms, hallways, balconies, courtyards, lounges, and lobbies is prohibited. The use of athletic equipment in rooms or apartments is also prohibited, due to disruption and possible damage.

Furniture

All rooms and apartments are furnished, and residents are responsible for all furnishings provided in their room. Furnishings may not be removed from assigned locations.

Alterations and/or damage to furnishings will result in charges for replacement or restoration to original condition. Antioch College furniture may not be placed outside of the room.

Placing furniture outside of the room will result in a minimum \$50 relocation fee for each piece of furniture, each time an incident is noted, and may result in disciplinary action.

A. Residents are not permitted to elevate furniture, including by use of wood, cinder blocks, or any other material without the explicit written consent of the Resident Life Coordinator. No lofts (other than those provided by the College) or homemade bunk beds are permitted.

B. Waterbeds, pools, and Jacuzzis are not permitted.

C. Due to limited space and health and safety reasons, students are discouraged from bringing in additional furnishings if those furnishings could pose a safety risk, roommate conflict, impede movement within the room, or pose a fire hazard. Student Affairs staff reserves the right to have students remove personal furnishings from a room. Examples could include, but are not limited to, large pieces of furniture like couches, cloth decorations covering walls which could constitute a fire hazard, anything that covers a smoke detector, and/or decorative items that could cause a conflict in the room.

D. Community/lounge furniture may not be removed or relocated. If community/lounge

furniture is found within a room, the residents will be fined a minimum \$50 charge for its retrieval and are subject to disciplinary action. The Antioch College Office of Public Safety may be contacted and the student may be charged with theft.

Damages and Vandalism

In order to avoid fines, student rooms must be in the same condition upon check-out as when they were first occupied. Residents are responsible for any damage beyond normal wear and tear. Upon check-out, all damages detected in individual rooms will be checked against the Room Condition Form (RCF), and any damages not noted there will be billed to the residents who lived in those rooms.

- External antennas and satellite dishes of any type are prohibited.
- Any alteration, damage, or misuse of existing telephone facilities is prohibited.
- Common Areas

Damages, additional cleaning, or vandalism to the common areas (hallways, lounges, community baths, courtyards) of the residential facilities that cannot be assessed to an individual will be charged to all residents in that area. Students or student groups utilizing rooms or common areas will be held responsible for any damages. (This includes replacement and labor costs.) When responsibility for damages cannot be assigned to an individual or group, all members of the hall, floor, or building may be assessed a community damage fee. Examples include but are not limited to: excessive trash, pranks involving food and/or liquid, damage to community furniture, damage to elevators, and damage to fire safety equipment.

Residents are responsible for paying any common area damages billed to them while they are members of the residential community. Please help us prevent these types of charges by respecting College property. You can also help by reporting persons responsible for common area damage to the Office of Student Affairs.

Decorations

Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms in a way that will be pleasing to them. However, residents will be charged for any damages to their rooms resulting from the use of tape, glue, paste, nails, tacks, chalk, staples, plant hangers, picture hooks, or screws mounted to the walls, furniture, doors, woodwork, or glass.

- A. Scotch-brand removable mounting putty and 3M Command-brand hanging strips and hooks are permitted materials for mounting items on the wall.
- B. Extreme care should be taken when hanging posters and/or pictures: only use materials recommended by Residence Life or facilities.
- C. Staples and nails are not permitted on doors, walls, ceilings, closets, or any other surface, due to the extensive damage caused upon removal.
- D. Items may not be hung from the ceiling or sprinkler heads at any time or in any

fashion.

- E. No alcohol packaging – including bottles and cans – may be displayed in common areas.
- F. Students are not permitted to paint, paper, or panel the walls, woodwork, or ceiling, nor refinish any of the furniture.
- G. Contact paper is not permitted on any surface. The use of this material will result in damage to the walls or cabinets.
- H. Use of installation of wood paneling, wood structures (including lofts) and/or tile is prohibited. Shelves or other items are not to be attached to walls or ceilings. Plastic tape around windows or closet areas is not permitted, as it damages the paint when removed.
- I. Live or cut trees are not allowed in student rooms.
- J. Carpet may not be affixed to the floor surface.

Public displays

The following items are permitted on public displays that can be seen from the exterior of room doors, windows, and balconies:

- Any logo, crest, motto, or slogan of any Antioch College-recognized organization.
- Any mascot or logo of any collegiate or professional sports team (includes international teams).
- Any flag (printed on fabric or paper) of any country, state, or Antioch College-recognized club.
- Any recognized calendar holiday decorations (dimensional or on paper) or any Antioch College-related events.
- Any artistic rendering or posting from a commercially and/or professionally animated (cartoon) character which is seen on TV and/or in the newspaper comic strip series.
- Any drawings or decorations that promote involvement in any Antioch College-recognized event (elections, candidate endorsements, banners, etc).

The following are not permitted on displays that can be seen from the exterior of room doors, windows, or balconies:

- Any signs, flyers, or messages that slander, threaten, intimidate, harass or embarrass any member of the Antioch College community.
- Any message which elevates one group above another.
- Any message that incites violence, uses profanity, or promotes sex, or any harassing or “hate” language symbols.
- Any message that promotes drugs or alcohol, or use thereof.
- Any business, highway, city, state, community, or College sign or property that has been illegally obtained.

- Any commercially sold or personal business-related product advertisement or promotion.

The Office of Student Affairs will review any resident or staff complaints regarding offensive or questionable decorations. Appeals of decisions will be at the discretion of the Dean of Students or their designee.

Student run businesses

Students are not permitted to utilize college resources to operate, run, or promote any personal business which could include utilizing space in a residence hall room or common area, utilities paid for by the college, or inviting people into the residence hall that create a disruption to the community. Students are not permitted to solicit in the residence halls without prior authorization from Residence Life staff.

Cleanliness

Students are required to maintain their assigned room in a clean and sanitary manner. Dishes must be promptly washed, food must be put away, and laundry must be washed regularly.

Trash and Abandoned Property

- Trash must be placed in designated bins/dumpsters and may not be left in hallways, lounges, or on balconies. Personal bags of trash should not be placed in community trash bins, such as public bathrooms, courtyards, lounges, etc. All residents are responsible for depositing their trash in the dumpsters provided outside the halls. Residents are required to remove items from the premises as requested by staff.
- Trash should not be left in or outside of resident rooms, apartments, public bathrooms, lounges, lobbies, or any other common areas.
- Community charges may result if trash cannot be traced to a specific room or individual.
- Items left in common areas for more than 24 hours may be treated as abandoned property and will be disposed of as trash.

Dishware

Dishware should not be removed from Antioch Kitchens under any circumstances. Dishware from Antioch Kitchens is not allowed in residential areas. Any dishware or cutlery found in residential common areas or students' rooms will be returned to the kitchen. If the problem behavior persists, fines or disciplinary action may ensue.

Cleaning standards and expectations for check-out

Residents are to have their rooms/apartments thoroughly cleaned in accordance with the established cleaning standards. If a room is not cleaned to the outlined standards, all residents of

the room may be held equally responsible for the charges associated with the extra cleaning. Failure to thoroughly clean the room to the specified standards will result in a minimum of \$20 extra cleaning fee for each area (i.e., kitchen area, living area) and/or disciplinary action. Students may be billed a community charge if there is significant damage or trash left at check-out.

- The furniture and the tops and insides of the closets, shelves, and drawers in the rooms are to be cleaned so that all dirt, items, and/or dust is removed.
- The baseboards in all rooms are to be cleaned. Walls in all rooms are to be cleaned to remove any tape, dirt, and/or marks. Spider webs are to be removed from the ceiling areas. Room blinds, windows, and windowsills are to be cleaned. Both sides of the doors (closets, entry/exit) must be cleaned of all tape, residue, chalk, mildew, or other marks.
- All trash, personal belongings, and garbage must be removed from the room. Trash should be brought directly to the dumpster.
- All personal belongings, trash, and garbage must be removed from halls, landings, and steps.
- The bathrooms are to be free of all personal items. Mirrors, sinks, and countertops should be wiped down. All trash and garbage must be removed.
- In the kitchenettes, the oven must be cleaned of all residues. The stovetop, including burner pans, must be cleaned. The sink and counter tops must be spotless. The floor must be swept. The doors and shelves of the upper and lower cabinets must be wiped down. The inside and outside of the refrigerator must be cleaned thoroughly and emptied of all food contents. The refrigerator drawers must be emptied and cleaned. Mildew around the door gaskets is to be removed.

Housing Fees

Students may be charged fees to their student account for damages and/or cleaning that is required above standard housekeeping or maintenance. Any student charged a fee for cleaning or damage will be provided with documentation to demonstrate the need and/or justification for the charge.

- Community charges

Students may be billed collectively in a community charge if a specific individual cannot be identified who is responsible for specific damages. Community charges will be billed to all students in an area consisting of a room, apartment, floor section, floor, or residence hall based upon the area within which damage occurs at the discretion of Residence Life.