



Let's All Have a Safe and Happy Winter Break!

Please help everyone in eliminating health and safety problems during the semester break:

- * **Remove all flammable holiday decorations**, especially holiday lights (including LED lights) and artificial trees. Remember, no live trees or wreaths are allowed in any university housing facilities.
- * **Turn off all electrical devices and unplug unnecessary appliances** (NOT refrigerators or microfridges) to avoid the possibility of electrical fires. If you would like to leave your computer plugged in, please use a surge protector.
- * **Remove perishable food from your room and your refrigerator.** If an extended power outage should occur, this will prevent the unfortunate experience of returning to a tightly shut room containing spoiled food.
- * **Empty all trash, recycling and compost bins** before leaving to avoid attracting pest or creating unpleasant odors while you're gone.
- * **Suspend delivery of any services** delivered directly to your door (newspapers, bottled water, etc.)
- * **Avoid ordering/sending items that will be delivered while you're away.**
- * **Be sure to secure and lock your bicycle** and DO NOT leave it parked outside during the break.
- * Please remember that **electronic transportation devices with lithium batteries** (e.g. hoverboards, electric scooters, electric skateboards) **are not allowed in university housing** facilities and therefore cannot be stored in the building over the break.
- * If possible, **take your valuable items with you** when you leave. Jewelry, laptops and other small items are popular targets for burglars. This is also a good opportunity to take home any items not allowed in USC Housing.
- * **Close and lock your windows.** Don't forget the common areas! Close all shades and blinds. Turn off all lights. Be sure to lock and deadbolt your door behind you.

Residence halls and suites (only) will **close to all residents at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2024** and will **reopen at 8:00am on Thursday, January 9, 2025**. You may not access or stay in your residence hall or suite room during the winter break period.

USC Housing Wishes You a Wonderful Holiday Season!