



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

Please help everyone in eliminating health and safety dangers 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.
- * 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 13, 2023** and will **reopen at 8:00am on Thursday, January 4, 2024**. 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!