

Take Heed

Your guide to living in a
pirate community

"Building stronger neighborhoods one pirate at a time."



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Our Mission

The City and University have teamed up to provide off-campus students information that will enhance the quality of life for them and their neighbors. We promote good citizenship by educating and empowering students to become personally responsible and active community members who encourage safe, clean and healthy neighbors.

With Your Help We Can:

1. Increase your enjoyment of your college years by encouraging responsible fun and better interaction with your neighbors.
2. Increase personal safety and promote healthy lifestyles in off-campus housing.
3. Decrease student-related nuisances and unsafe personal behavior.
4. Decrease the need for law enforcement actions.
5. Increase communication and information sharing with your neighbors.
6. Encourage students living in neighborhoods to demonstrate good citizenship.
7. Increase positive perceptions of off-campus students.
8. Decrease disruptions from student-sponsored social events.

Please take a few minutes to read this information and keep this booklet handy for future reference.

SAVE THE WORLD IN 3 EASY STEPS

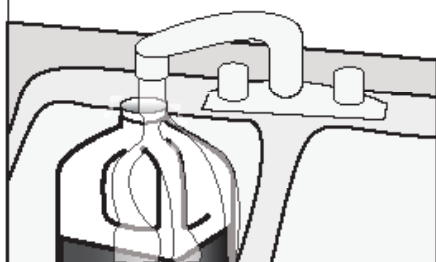
1. Use It

Look for the recyclable symbol on products you use.



2. Rinse It

Clean items before placing in recycling container.



3. Toss It

Put items in a container that has a visible City of Greenville Recycling Sticker and a tight-fitting lid.



The landfill now bans plastic bottles, cans, electronics (including TVs), computers, paper, and cardboard boxes. You can recycle plastic bottles, glass jars, newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, paper, rinsed food cans, and cardboard boxes. *Put all recyclables in the same recycling container.*

Residential homes may use backyard containers or a City-approved roll-out container each with the City's free recycling sticker. Roll-out containers need to be brought to the curb for collection.

Apartment complexes will have recycling centers by June 2012.

For a recycling sticker or more information, contact Public Works at 329-4522.

To recycle electronics, please call Public Works at 329-4522 to schedule pickup.



Common City Ordinances

Being a resident of Greenville and the ECU community has many perks and benefits, but it also comes with responsibility. Among these responsibilities are being a good, respectful citizen and neighbor. Please take a few minutes to learn the common city ordinances in this section so you can enjoy being a resident of Greenville.

Roommates

Zoning Enforcement - 329-4110

There cannot be more than three (3) unrelated people living together as a single housekeeping unit, whether you live in a house, duplex, apartment, condominium, or mobile home. The following combination of persons can live together as a household: one (1) individual living alone, up to three (3) unrelated individuals, two (2) or more individuals related by blood, adoption or marriage (i.e., family), one (1) family and up to two (2) unrelated individuals (i.e., room renting), or one (1) family and up to two (2) related individuals (i.e., room renting).

Animal Control or Related Issues

Animal Control Unit - 329-4387

Greenville Animal Control enforces a 24-hour leash law stipulating that a dog owner must maintain physical control of a dog by means of a leash when the dog is not on its owner's property. The law also stipulates that it is unlawful to permit a dog to urinate or defecate on a lawn or property that does not belong to the dog owner. Failure to adhere to the leash law will result in a civil citation issued to the dog owner.

Concerns about stray, wild, neglected or abused animals should be directed to the City's Animal Control Unit. Animals found running at large will be taken to the County Animal Shelter. Pet owners found to be abusing or neglecting animals will be prosecuted.

Trash Collection

Public Works - 329-4522

The City of Greenville provides garbage & recycling collection to residential neighborhoods as well as apartment complexes. Curbside containers must be purchased from Public Works. Place trash receptacles with tight fitting lids and recycling containers with City recycling stickers at the curb no earlier than dusk on the evening prior to scheduled collection. Emptied trash and recycling containers must be removed no later than daybreak of the day following scheduled collection. Want to throw out bulky items like a refrigerator, TV, or washer? Call Public Works to schedule a pick up. Public Works will not pick up construction debris like carpets, drywall, or lumber.

Noise Ordinance

Police Department - 329-4315

The Noise Ordinance is enforced at all times (particularly between 11pm and 3am) and in all areas of the city. The ordinance is designed to address unreasonably loud, annoying, disturbing noise including, but not limited to yelling, barking animals, and loud music (including subwoofers).

The ordinance applies to noise generated inside or outdoors. Noise generated inside an apartment or house that carries into another apartment or house (including bass that vibrates the walls) are a violation. If anyone wants to exceed the limit (for example, hold a "Band Party"), they must apply for a special permit at the Police Department. Outdoor Amplified Sound Permits must be obtained at least 72 hours before the event.

Fines for violating the law start at \$100 and go up to \$500 per violation.

Litter, Weeded Lots and Housing Conditions

Code Enforcement - 329-4110

It is illegal to throw or deposit any type of litter or household trash upon any private property, street or sidewalk. Handbills or flyers posted on poles and trees are a form of litter and are not allowed. Grass or weeds on any lot that have grown to a height in excess of 10 inches constitute a violation and may be cut by the City after proper notice with all costs billed to the owner.

Furniture designed for indoors (e.g. sofas, chairs, refrigerators, etc.) are not allowed to be on front porches or in yards. Abandoned and junk vehicles are not allowed in front or side yards. Property owners may only have one junk vehicle in the back yard, but it must be covered by an approved covering.

Housing within the City of Greenville must be fit for human habitation and meet minimum housing codes. Please do not hesitate to call the Code Enforcement Division for questions about what minimum housing codes are and/or if your housing meets those requirements.

Parking Concerns

ECU Parking/Traffic - 328-6294 or Greenville Police 329-4315

Like any urban campus, the University cannot accommodate the vehicles for all the faculty, staff and students who attend it on a daily basis. If you choose to park on side streets surrounding the campus, understand there is a two-hour time limit and that some streets DO NOT allow parking at all. Be sure to read parking signs along these streets to prevent being ticketed or having your car towed.

Code Enforcement - 329-4110

Furthermore, it is illegal to park a vehicle on the grass. Vehicles parked in the yard must be parked in an approved driveway.

How to have a Responsible Party Off-Campus

As a student, your behavior while living off campus greatly impacts your neighbor's image of all university students. If you are a member of a fraternity or sorority, your behavior also impacts your neighbor's image of Greek life and organizations. As a student who has chosen to reside off campus, you have the rights and responsibilities of a community resident.

We would strongly encourage you to consider the following suggestions if you choose to host a party:

Talk to your neighbors before the party. Let them know you are having a party and when it will start and end. Leave them your name and phone number. Encourage them to call if there is a problem during the party so you can correct it before someone calls the police.

During the party, let your guests know you are the contact person. If a neighbor calls, they'll know to take a message or find you.

Avoid overcrowding which might: (1) Block the exits in case of any emergency, (2) result in vehicles blocking your street in case fire, police, and/or medical units need to respond, and/or (3) force your guests to inappropriately use "outdoor bathroom facilities."

Periodically during the night, walk outside to check the noise level and adjust it accordingly. Also remember that voices carry and just by moving the party indoors you can better avoid disturbing your neighbors.

It is your responsibility to stay in control of yourself AND your guests. Please do not let your guests abuse or misuse alcohol, as excessive use of alcohol can lead to sexual assault, legal problems and even death.

Know and observe North Carolina laws in terms of your liability in providing alcoholic beverages to persons less than 21 years of age, as well as the City of Greenville's "Open Container Law, Trash Ordinance," and "Noise Ordinance."

Understand that as a student of East Carolina University, you are also responsible for upholding the rules and sanctions of the Code of Conduct for off-campus events.

After the party, clean up the area around your house/apartment as well as your neighbor's if needed. Contact your neighbor the next day and thank them for their cooperation.

If you have problem at your party and need assistance afterwards, contact the ECU Off-Campus Student Services office weekdays at 328-2847.

Being a Good Citizen

As a student living off-campus, you have a greater responsibility. You are representing the university as a student, in your neighborhood or apartment community, and your actions reflect back on yourself and the university as a whole.

Living off-campus does have its freedoms, but it comes with important rules, regulations, and responsibilities. When you live off-campus, you will be a student of East Carolina University and a member of the larger Greenville community. Therefore, students will need to know that the ECU Student Code of Conduct, specific apartment or neighborhood rules, and Greenville City Ordinances all apply to them.

It is best to create positive relationships with your neighbors in order to avoid problems before they happen. When problems do arise, it is always best to try to work them out yourself, but know that there are resources for you to use as well.

Quick Hints

1. Join your local neighborhood association.
2. Try talking with your neighbor about any complaints you or they may have.
3. Remember to file a formal complaint with the proper authorities, reference on page 5.
4. Respect your neighbor and their property as you wish to be respected.
5. You are responsible for your guests and their actions.
6. Get involved and be active in your neighborhood watch program.
7. Take pride in the house or apartment where you live and its appearance, even though you may not be the owner.
8. If you have a pet, be responsible for its actions, be kind to it, and remember to clean up after it when it is outside - especially when it goes onto someone else's property.

Useful Phone Numbers

Off-Campus Safety and Useful Resources

Emergency Numbers

Fire/Rescue/Police	911
ECU Police Emergency	252.328.6150

East Carolina University Off-Campus Services

Center for Counseling and Student Development	252.328.6661
Dean of Students	252.328.9297
ECU Police Non-Emergency	252.328.6787
ECU Transit	252.328.4724
Greek Life	252.328.4235
Off-Campus Student Services	252.328.2847
Safe Ride (ECU.RIDE)	252.328.7433
Student Legal Services	252.737.1067
Victim Assistance	252.737.1466

City and County Services

Animal Control	252.329.4387
Animal Shelter	252.355.7879
City Bus Service	252.329.4532
Code Enforcement	252.329.4110
Community Watch Program	252.329.4355
Courts/Courthouse	252.695.7100
Crime Stoppers	252.758.7777
Department of Motor Vehicles	252.830.3456
District Attorney's Office	252.695.7200
Family Violence Program, Inc. of Pitt County	252.758.4400
Garbage/Recycling	252.329.4522
Greenville Police Non-Emergency Call for: Amplified Noise Permit, Noise Control, Parking Tickets, and Towed Vehicles	252.329.4315
Greenville Utilities Commission (Power and Water)	252.752.7166
Parking Tickets (paying them)	252.329.4450
Pitt County Health	252.413.1319
Pitt County Sheriff	252.902.2800
Pitt County Sheriff's Office Victim / Witness Assistant	252.902.2665

City and County Services

Real Crisis Helpline	252.758.4357
Vidant Medical Center (local hospital)	252.816.4100
- Emergency Room	252.816.4597

State and National Services

NC Highway Patrol	252.752.6118
NC Highway Patrol (after 5 p.m.)	800.441.6127
Poison Control Center	800.222.1222

Student Legal Services

252.737.1067

Student Legal Services (SLS) is a prepaid legal service that was established by the Student Government Association as a service to students.

- * SLS can answer many questions for you on various legal issues that will in turn save you time and money.
- * SLS can assist students by providing legal advice after being charged with a criminal case or traffic violation.
- * SLS will also provide training to you or your organization on risk, student safety and awareness, stalking/rape/domestic violence awareness, conflict resolution, and legal/business/or peer mediation.

Attorney client privilege and confidentiality are guaranteed.

Common areas of advisement are:

- * Landlord-tenant issues
- * Traffic and criminal matters
- * Domestic/Family law issues
- * Student Group legal Issues
- * Restraining orders
- * Violence Prevention
- * Crime victims rights under NC and Federal law
- * Insurance issues
- * Immigration
- * Wills
- * Power of attorney

Your 1-Stop Shop for...

- ✓ Off-campus housing for rent & for sale
- ✓ Roommates & furniture
- ✓ Sublets

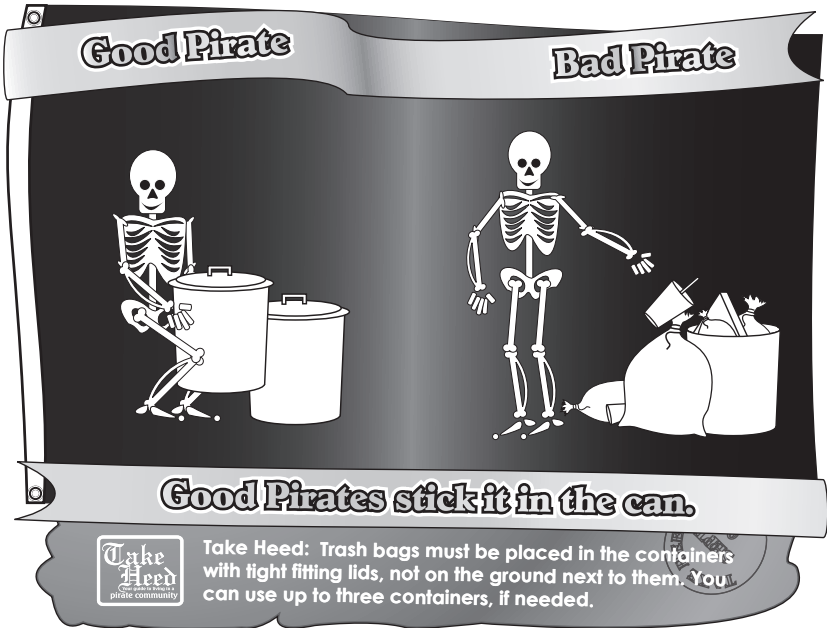
www.ecu.edu/offcampushousing

All you need to find your perfect place is just a click away!

- ✓ **Off-Campus Student Services**
 - Easy search & comparison
 - Pictures & floorplans
 - Maps/directions
 - Links to email, website, applications
- ✓ **Roommate Listings**
- ✓ **Furniture** to buy/sell
- ✓ **Sublet section** to search/post



Off-Campus Student Services & Pirate Community Program
877.895.1234



**House hunting is hard.
 Being evicted is harder.**

Remember the Rule of Three:
 Greenville City Code says no more than three
 unrelated people can live together in a house,
 townhouse, apartment or condo.

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For more info contact
 Greenville Code Enforcement at 329.4110

**Getting caught
 could get YOU evicted!**

Fire Safety

The Four 'P's' of Fire Safety

Preventing

At least once a month, check to make sure your smoke detectors are functioning properly. If you burn candles, do it safely, and avoid the use of space heaters. Never leave your stove unattended while you are cooking. Also, keep your apartment tidy and free of flammable debris, such as newspapers.

Protecting

Before signing a lease, look for smoke detectors, fire extinguishers in hallways, and possible escape routes. Replace smoke detector batteries every six months, and check your detectors at least once a week to make sure they function properly. Purchase inexpensive ABC fire extinguishers and put them in easily accessible places in your apartment.

Planning

Take a look at each room in your apartment, and make a plan for two escape routes from each room. Enter emergency numbers in your cell phone number listing.

Practicing

Practice the escape routes you have mapped out, doing so on your hands and knees. Try finding your escape routes with your eyes closed. Remember, if your unit catches on fire, there will be less smoke closer to the floor.

Candles

According to the National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org), burning candles is the fourth leading cause of house fires in the U.S. If you burn candles, make sure you are using a stable, appropriate holder, and do not place candles close to curtains or any other flammable object. Keep candles away from open windows, fans, or any location where a burning candle can easily be knocked over. And never leave a burning candle unattended!

Cooking Fires

Nearly a third of all house fires result from cooking. Remember to keep your kitchen uncluttered and clean, and when you are cooking, never leave your stove unattended.

Smoke Detectors

When you first move into your rental unit, make sure that all smoke alarms are securely mounted. If the smoke detectors are battery powered, as a tenant it is your responsibility to put fresh batteries in all detectors. If your smoke detectors do not function, contact your landlord immediately. And it is a good idea to replace batteries every six months. A good rule of thumb is to replace batteries at the beginning (spring) and end (fall) of Daylight Saving Time.

Smoking

Many house fires are started by cigarettes that have not been properly extinguished. If you smoke, check your lease to see if it forbids smoking in your rental unit. If you smoke inside your rental unit, use deep welled ashtrays that do not easily tip over. And never smoke in bed or when you are intoxicated!

Severe Weather Safety

In North Carolina, sometimes severe weather is a cause to take action. Tune in your local radio or TV stations for the latest news. Local media have a system in use to gauge the severity of the weather.

- A watch is often a first alert, and it indicates that weather poses a possible threat.
- A warning is when dangerous conditions are developing, find a safe place immediately.

When a hurricane is approaching ECU, go home to your permanent address if driving conditions are safe. If you are unable to leave for any reason, locate the nearest shelter as soon as possible. Some apartment communities organize shelters for their residents, so check with management.

Preparing for severe weather

- Secure outdoor equipment and bring in loose items
- Follow instructions from your landlord or apartment community staff in terms of preparing your home
- Check your emergency supplies such as non-perishable foods, bottled water, medicines, first aid kit, flashlight, batteries, extra cash, battery-operated radio, etc.
- Fill your car's gas tank
- Carry a small amount of cash with you in case ATMs lose power

Register to receive ECU Alerts or get important information in an emergency at: <http://www.ecu.edu/alert/>

... campus greatly... a member of a fraternity and organizations... of Greek Life and organizations... you have the rights and responsibilities... encourage you to consider the following suggestions... Let them know you are having a party so you can correct it if a neighbor... If a neighbor... in case of any emergency, medical units need... you are the contact person. If a neighbor... Block the exits in case of any emergency, and or medical units need... Check the noise level and adjust... you... indoors you... Please... sexual... providing... Off-Campus... as your... family and... and up to two... by... and

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