GO GREEN!

WELCOME TO ON-CAMPUS LIVING

Important information for new Spartans

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Congratulations on your decision to become a part of the MSU family. As you prepare to embark on this exciting journey, you are officially beginning your Spartan experience! You are now part of a legacy of Spartans who have called our beautiful and historic campus home during their time at MSU. From this point forward, wherever you go, this tradition and shared experience will connect you with Spartans throughout the world.

During your time at MSU, you will be a part of many different communities. You will connect with fellow Spartans on your floor, throughout your residence hall, in your MSU Neighborhood and across campus. You are also now a part of the East Lansing and greater-Lansing communities. You will have countless opportunities to lay the foundation for your academic success, establish meaningful connections, build lifelong friendships and make lasting memories.

The Department of Residence Education and Housing Services is dedicated to creating a safe, sustainable and inclusive residential environment that enhances the MSU experience and inspires our community to: Live. Learn. Lead. Impact the World.

Our staff is here to help you along your journey, whatever that may be. We are here to help you be academically successful; explore new ideas, experiences and opportunities; nurture your passions; create new traditions; embrace your independence; persist toward graduation and, ultimately, have an outstanding Spartan experience.

Inside this issue of Go Green! Welcome to On-Campus Living, you will find important information that will help you prepare for your arrival to campus in the fall and your first year as a Spartan.

During your visit to campus this summer for your Academic Orientation Program, you will receive a wealth of information about your transition to MSU. In the meantime, we encourage you to explore www.liveon.msu.edu to learn as much as you can about living on campus. Please be sure to visit the Document Library and read the On-Campus Housing Handbook: Terms and Conditions for important information and rules related to campus living at MSU. Also, check out the On-Campus Housing Catalog to browse through all of the Neighborhoods and housing options available on campus; it’s never too early to start thinking about where you want to live during your second year!

If you have specific questions not addressed inside or at www.liveon.msu.edu, please contact the Housing Assignments Office at 877-9LIVEON (954-8366) or liveon@msu.edu.
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NEIGHBORHOOD AND ROOM ASSIGNMENTS
In early June, you will receive an email that will provide instructions on how to view your campus Neighborhood and room assignment.

Roommate information will be available later in the summer as additional assignments are finalized. We encourage you to check your iLiveOn account at www.liveon.msu.edu in late July and connect with your roommate(s) before moving to campus. This is a good opportunity to discuss plans for room decorations, room essentials and what time you expect to arrive on move-in day. It is also a good time to discuss expectations for living arrangements. You’ll want to make sure that you are on the same page as your roommate(s) when it comes to visitors, cleaning, bed times and other important decisions to ensure a smooth transition and a successful school year.

HOUSING CONTRACT
Every student who lives on campus is responsible for signing a Housing Contract. If you selected your own room online this past April, you have already completed your Housing Contract. If the Housing Assignments Office is assigning your room, you may or may not have signed the Housing Contract. Please log into your iLiveOn account at www.liveon.msu.edu to verify that you have signed the Housing Contract.

The Housing Contract is a legally binding document, so be sure to read it thoroughly. When you sign the contract, you are agreeing to abide by all the terms of the contract, including the supplemental terms and conditions outlined in the On-Campus Housing Handbook.

If you are under the age of 18, your Housing Contract must be co-signed by a parent or legal guardian.

ACADEMIC ORIENTATION PROGRAMS
The Academic Orientation Program (AOP) begins in June. At AOP, you will learn more about what it means to be a Spartan and what you can expect during your journey throughout your college years at MSU. University representatives and current MSU students will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

MOVE-IN DAY
Move-in day will be one of the best days of your life and, of course, one of the busiest. It is important to be prepared because thousands of other Spartans are also beginning their journeys. Here are the basics of what you need to know:

• MSU Live On 2015 Guidebook – The move-in day guide will be available on the Guidebook mobile app before move-in day arrives. Familiarize yourself with the information inside. The app will provide you with details on parking, shuttle services, shopping locations, a move-in checklist, video and social media resources and more. The app is available for download by visiting the App Store (Apple products) or Google Play (Android products) or by visiting www.guidebook.com. Once the app has been downloaded, search MSU Live On 2015 for access. If you do not have a smartphone, all information contained in the guide will be available on our website, www.liveon.msu.edu.

• Traffic – Summer construction projects near campus are scheduled to end before move-in day. However, expect for traffic leading to campus to be heavier than normal. Please plan ahead and give yourself extra time to make up for any possible delays.

• Dining – Spartans and their families are invited to the dining halls on their move-in day for a complimentary meal. For more information on hours and locations, visit www.eatatstate.com.
Connect Across Campus

The easiest way to connect with your Spartan family is by engaging on social media! Visit www.msu.edu/social to find out how you can connect with Spartans all over campus through Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, blogs and other online resources made available to you.

For a look into all things related to on-campuss housing, be sure to follow MSU Live On on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube and Tumblr. Get updates on events, contests, student features, important housing announcements, employment opportunities and more! Be sure to use #SpartansLiveOn and your Neighborhood hashtags to connect with fellow students who are living on campus.

For your dining needs, look for Eat at State on Facebook; Twitter and Instagram, or visit the website at www.eatatstate.com for daily menus and other information.

EXPLORE YOUR NEW HOME

As you prepare for move-in, take some time to become familiar with your new “home away from home” by browsing these websites:

- On-campus Living at MSU: www.liveon.msu.edu
- Dining at MSU: www.eatatstate.com
- MSU Neighborhood Resources: www.neighborhoods.msu.edu
- City of East Lansing: www.cityofeastlansing.com
- City of Lansing: www.lansingmi.gov

Welcome to the MSU Neighborhoods

College is a time to grow, discover and explore the world around you — but it can also feel overwhelming and foreign. With MSU Neighborhoods, you have an opportunity to realize your full potential through a wide range of programs, activities and support services conveniently located right where you live.

At MSU, we strive to provide you with the best possible living arrangements and easy access to everything the University has to offer. Each of the five Neighborhoods is comprised of several residence halls, newly renovated dining halls, Sparty’s convenience options and an Engagement Center. Which Neighborhood are you living in this year?

• Brody
• East
• North
• River Trail
• South

You can manage your housing preferences by logging on to your iLiveOn account at www.liveon.msu.edu.

ENGAGEMENT CENTERS: CONVENIENT AND CLOSE

The Engagement Centers are unique spaces located in each Neighborhood that serve as the main access points to important resources such as tutors, academic advisors, health practitioners and other consultants that can help you navigate through your college career.

Each week, Engagement Centers host individual and group tutoring for many first and second year courses, social and cultural activities, and fitness classes for Yoga, Cardio Kick Boxing and Zumba through the Live On and Be Fit program. Additionally, there are workshops on practical topics such as using the library, sharpening study skills, searching for internships, managing personal finances and more.

CAMPUS ADDRESSES

Need to know the street address for your on-campus home? Visit www.campusaddresses.msu.edu.
Live On: Your Foundation for Success and Fun

Where else can you experience unlimited meals, access to free fitness facilities and classes, freedom from monthly bills, free laundry, MSU athletic games in your backyard and a great gulp of new independence? Your Spartan experience happens while living on campus at Michigan State University, where you can achieve the most success in your college career. Research shows that students who live on campus earn better grades and are more likely to graduate on time. Why would you ever move off? If that’s not enough for you, here is a list of 10 more reasons to Live On at MSU.

TOP 10 REASONS TO LIVE ON AT MSU FOR TWO YEARS OR MORE

10. Cleaning Service is Included
Not only does the fantastic facilities staff do the dirty work, but they save you time too! They take out the trash, refill the soap and toilet paper dispensers, disinfect the bathrooms and vacuum all common areas, all before you even get out of bed for class. Why not let someone else do your cleaning for a few years?

9. Proximity and Convenience
This is one benefit where you don’t know how good you have it until it is gone. Your room is within walking distance of class, hot and delicious food, a plethora of cozy and communal study spaces, campus activities and entertainment, sporting events and your best friend’s room. Plus, you do not have to worry about driving to campus or getting parking tickets. Also, did you know you get FREE laundry in your building when you live on campus? FREE LAUNDRY.

8. Expand Your Circle
Living on campus allows you to meet people outside your usual social scene. It is a great place to connect, whether you are setting up an impromptu volleyball game or late-night food run. You never know when you might meet a friendly face that ends up helping you in your career down the road. Spartans for life!

7. Safety
Unless you plan to live in a high-security apartment complex (which can be pretty expensive), most rentals are only protected by a door lock. Your residence hall, however, requires key-card access during late hours in addition to your room key. Living wings in residence halls are locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week. MSU Police patrol Neighborhoods, and there are green light emergency phones within sight of every room.

6. One Bill, No Monthly Craziness
Unlike apartments and utilities, your residence hall will not slap you with a monthly bill. You may not fully appreciate that just yet, but believe us, it is pretty great. You are going to pay just once at the beginning of the semester and like magic, everything is included! You also have the option to enroll in a payment plan if that better suits your needs.

5. No Moving Furniture
You have enough stuff already. Do you really want to move furniture too? I mean, if you really want to “save money” by moving off campus then you are going to rent an unfurnished apartment, right? That means searching for all of that furniture, then buying and moving it and, ultimately, selling and disposing of it all. Whew! We are tired already.

4. Ultimate Entertainment Centers
Game rooms, large screen TVs, basketball and volleyball courts and more than 300 student activities each year — most of which are FREE to students. There is always something going on all around you when you live on campus.

3. Exceptional Dining
Our team of executive chefs, sous chefs, bakers and cooks embodies our commitment to Lead with Food. Each residential Neighborhood features a completely renovated dining hall. And with dining halls open from 7 a.m. to midnight, we can accommodate just about anyone’s schedule. So whether you need a nourishing breakfast before you start your day or want to satisfy your late night craving, our award-winning dining has you covered.

2. Choose the Room That Fits You
We are not talking a one-room dormitory with bunk beds and a communal shower here. You have choices and tons of privacy. You are also encouraged to personalize your space. Show that Spartan spirit or decorate with whatever you love.

And the number one reason that you should live on campus for multiple years is...

1. It is a Once in a Lifetime Experience
Living on campus is an integral part of the complete college experience. Have you ever met an alumnus outside of campus? Was their first question to you, “Where do you live?” followed by a story of where they lived when they were on campus? Your campus Neighborhood is where the memories are made, and you will never have the convenience — and fun — of living in a residence hall again in your entire life.

Your Spartan Experience Happens Here.

@_GabbySmiles says make sure to get your combo every day, M-F! It’s worth it! (Eat At State)
**DINING HALLS**

MSU’s award-winning Culinary Services team provides residents with dining excellence from 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week. With 10 residential dining halls, each Neighborhood offers made-to-order, fresh and healthy options. So, you are sure to eat well while living on campus. Make sure you try out each of our locations next year, including:

- Heritage Commons at Landon Hall
- The Gallery at Snyder/Phillips Hall
- Brody Square
- South Pointe at Case Hall
- The Vista at Shaw Hall
- The Edge at Akers Hall
- Riverwalk Market at Owen Hall
- MSU Union Food Court
- 21 Sparty’s locations across campus

No matter what you crave, our flexible dining plans meet your lifestyle!

**DINING PLANS**

When you sign up for housing, you will also select your on-campus dining plan.

- **DineOn Platinum** — Unlimited meals at any residential dining hall with $300 Spartan Cash (loaded on your I.D.) and eight guest-meal passes per semester. Includes Combo-X-Change.

- **DineOn Gold** — Unlimited meals at any residential dining hall with $150 Spartan Cash (loaded on your I.D.) and four guest-meal passes per semester. Includes Combo-X-Change.

- **DineOn Silver** — Unlimited meals at any residential dining hall. Includes Combo-X-Change.

All plans feature Combo-X-Change, so you can use your meal options at all 21 Sparty’s locations, Union Pizzeria, Union Deli, Serrano’s, UP Pizzeria at Crossroads, Riverwalk Market at Owen Hall and the Eat at State ON-THE-GO Food Truck. Plus, Combo-X-Change lets you get takeout from any residential dining hall, Monday through Friday.

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

Our professional dining staff is available to assist in finding menu options that fit your needs, including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and nut-free offerings. If you have dietary restrictions due to health concerns, food allergies or religious observances, we encourage you to meet and develop a relationship with our registered dietician, executive chefs or dining hall managers to discuss options.

Kosher cuisine is available at Wilson Dining Hall and Brody Square; halal foods are featured at Holmes Dining Hall and Riverwalk Market at Owen Hall. All of our residential dining hall menus are marked with food labels for easy identification. To view menus and nutritional information, visit [www.eatatstate.com](http://www.eatatstate.com).
Safety and Security

MSU takes the safety and security of our residents very seriously. We also believe students must share responsibility for staying safe on campus. On-campus safety measures include:

- Residence halls are equipped with electronic building access technology restricting access to the exterior doors, living wings and elevators. Living wings in residence halls are locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Residence halls with public space are locked at midnight and residents must use their MSU ID card to access the building.
- All residence hall guests must be escorted by a resident for the duration of their stay.
- All student room doors are equipped with peepholes, and students are encouraged to keep their doors locked at all times.
- Residence halls are equipped with fire alarm systems, fire-rated doors and hard-wired smoke detectors.
- As residence halls are renovated, sprinkler suppression systems are also added.
- In the event of an emergency, the East Lansing Fire Department has a station on campus for fast response.
- Inside, emergency phones have been installed within the sightline of every student room door in the residence halls.
- Outside, green light emergency phones are also found throughout campus and connect directly to the MSU Police.
- In the event of a large-scale emergency, our reverse-911 system allows us to reach students quickly with necessary information.
- The Olin Health Center and the MSU Counseling Center are available to MSU students experiencing physical or mental health issues.

MSU ALERT

All members of the MSU Community are encouraged to sign up for the MSU Alert System to receive quick and convenient notifications in the event of an emergency. Visit alert.msu.edu to sign up for the notifications.
Community Directors

Full-time, live-in staff member who is responsible for overseeing daily operations in a residence hall or apartment community. They create a community that fosters academic excellence and personal growth for residents.

Assistant Community Directors

Part-time, graduate level, live-in staff member who is responsible for developing an environment where students can excel academically and personally. They supervise the resident assistant team and advise in-hall student organizations.

Resident Assistants

Live-in, student staff member who supports the academic community in the residence hall. They are responsible for developing and executing programming that allows for multicultural learning, character-building, community and personal well-being.

Intercultural Aides

Live-in staff member who helps students make successful cultural, social and academic transitions to MSU. As a part of the Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions, they work closely with the resident assistant team to plan engaging activities that bring together students from all different backgrounds.

@MSURHA says get involved!
The more you do, the more people you meet! They will be your support system through your college years!
**Freshman Feature: Collin McCafferty**

Leaving your hometown and moving to a new city can be scary. It’s even harder when that city is in another state. That is exactly how freshman Collin McCafferty felt when he moved from a Chicago suburb to attend Michigan State University.

“It seemed as though everyone knew each other already, and I was lost amongst this huge sea of Spartans,” Collin said. “That feeling quickly went away when I let myself befriend those on my floor. I realized that the Neighborhoods are what make MSU, despite its huge student body, feel like your own little campus.” His biggest piece of advice to incoming freshman is to be open to new experiences while also giving yourself time to adjust.

As a chemical engineering major, free time is hard to come by for Collin. But he has learned how to balance, making time for hanging out with friends as well as working on the Live On Street Team. He is also part of the Spartan Pre-Professional club for Pharmacy and the MSU Relay For Life event.

Even though Collin is very busy, he wouldn’t change a thing about his first year experience because he has made some of his very best friends at MSU. To him, there isn’t anything better than walking down the hall to study with a friend, watch some TV or grab some food together in the dining hall.

What about academics? Collin said, “It’s tough. MSU’s academics are nothing to laugh at. They are a lot tougher than I expected. That being said, I’m learning A LOT. My work load is pretty tiring, but I’ve gotten into the groove of things.” Every freshman learns study habits the first year. It is important to keep in mind that studying in high school is often very different than studying in college.

Depending on the demographics of your high school, you could experience a bit of culture shock when moving to campus. “MSU is extremely diverse, and that was what I was looking for because my high school was not. I love that I can come to a school as large as my town, and I still have the diversity that I lacked in high school,” said Collin.

Combining academics, a social life and clubs, Collin experienced an excellent freshman year. He can’t wait to Live On campus again his sophomore year!

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**Sophomore Feature: Krystal Dial**

When you are a Spartan living on campus, your days can be filled with activities that will push you to reach your academic goals, balanced with options for how you’ll choose to best enjoy your social and free time. Although sophomore Krystal Dial admits that leaving your comfort zone to dive into those activities can be a bit unnerving, doing so will make the adjustment from leaving home to settling into your new life at MSU a happier, smoother and more productive one.

“One of the scariest and hardest parts about moving and living here was leaving my family,” Krystal said. “I come from a fairly large family, and before college, I had never been separated from them. I soon became comfortable with it after I started making friends and creating a little home here on campus.”

Krystal made her Spartan family by joining the Michigan State Gospel Choir. She also works for the Live On Street Team and is an assistant for the College of Nursing.

The communications major chose to live on campus another year because of the resources and the extra perks that come with living on, such as giveaways, the sports atmosphere and the built-in community. She also enjoys being close to all her classes and friends.

Krystal said that balance is key to a successful year (or four years). “My number one rule is that there is no reward for someone who doesn’t work more than they relax and play, which simply means that I always try to get the important school things finished first before I do anything that I would consider fun.”

Many freshmen enter campus thinking that college will be just like what they see on TV. “Some of the aspects are true like the cool stuff you get to decorate your rooms with, seeing your friends all the time and being able to live with your best friend,” Krystal said. “But television doesn’t show both sides of the story, like the fact that you’re in a hall with people from many different backgrounds, which could lead to disagreements.”

It is important to keep in mind that all residents should treat one another with respect. If you are respectful, you can have a fun experience.

Krystal loves living on campus, and so will you. When you join a student organization, sports team or study group, you will develop a strong sense of community and love living with fellow Spartans.
Welcome to MSU! We are so happy to have you as part of the Spartan family. While living on campus at MSU, you will have the opportunity to:

Get involved on campus!
- You could join some clubs that interest you and meet tons of new people!
- You should attend floor meetings and events in your hall to meet your neighbors and see what’s happening.
- Have you thought about attending a hall government or caucus meeting so your voice is heard?
- You could join some clubs that interest you and meet tons of new people!
- Get involved on campus!

Achieve academic success!
- Forming a study group with students who live nearby is a great way to stay on track.
- Share what you are learning about in your classes.
- Did you know that there are tutors, academic advisors and other resources right in your Neighborhood Engagement Center?

Learn about yourself and others!
- Meet interesting people in your circle of friends who come from different backgrounds or have different interests.
- Meet people outside your circle of friends who come from different backgrounds or have different interests.
- Think about a plan for working through any roommate issues that might come up.

Tips on Adjusting to Campus Living

It’s great to be a Spartan!

Shop the MSU Computer Store for computers, laptops, tablets, software, printers and accessories all at an educational discount. And because you’re a student, you get some perks.

Special pricing – As a Spartan you receive MSU’s discounted pricing on computers, laptops, tablets, software and accessories.

Free loaners – Because stuff happens, if you bought your computer from us we will give you a loaner if your computer should need repair.

Convenience – We are located right on campus ready to serve you with a large selection of in-stock items. Or, shop from anywhere, anytime on our website cstore.msu.edu.

Support – We have you covered. Walk-in for help or drop in on a training class. Plus we provide authorized warranty service for many major brands.

#MSUBrody

On Facebook facebook.com/msucstore
On Twitter @TechAtMSU
RA Feature: Kenneth J. Williams, Jr

Congratulations on your acceptance into the best school ever! You've just taken your first steps on a journey that will last a lifetime. Whether you're a die-hard sports fan or an aspiring fashion designer, Michigan State is the place for you.

I want to tell you a bit about who I am, what I do and more about our great school. I remember graduating from high school in 2012 and being so nervous to come here. As a junior, I honestly can't even tell you why I was nervous, but I can tell you that the nervousness dissipated as soon as I stepped foot on campus and into Hubbard Hall. It was then that I realized I was truly home. The vibrancy of the residence hall and the positive energy shared by all the new students filled me with so much excitement! It has stuck with me through the years.

My first year at MSU was probably my favorite. My resident assistant (RA), Michelle was — and still is — the epitome of fabulousness, dedication and perseverance. She took her RA role seriously. When I say seriously, I don't mean that she policed the halls. I mean that she worked relentlessly to plan floor events, inform us about campus resources and make my Spartan experience as welcoming as possible. I lived on a co-ed floor and we were all very close. Michelle made it her personal goal to make sure that we all built relationships with one another and treated each other as family. We would play volleyball, go to dinner together and even have movie nights in her room. She inspired me to apply for an RA position, and I can't thank her enough.

Today, I'm an RA at Holden Hall in South Neighborhood. I absolutely love my position! This is my second year as an RA and my job has really helped me in all aspects of my life. I am more aware of everything I do and how it affects other people. The best part of my job is the residents. I always try to positively influence the residents. Whether it's studying in the lobby after dinner or belting out Beyonce's greatest hits at a floor karaoke night, I want the residents to have as much fun as I did as a new student.

Now that I've shared a little about myself and all the wonderful memories I made living on campus, I need to ask you for a favor. As you make your own Spartan memories, please remember that RAs are not there to police the halls and that we certainly are not out to get you while you are living on campus. Seems simple right? It is! Many times people think that we want to get you in trouble or make your life difficult. Not true! You are here to learn and start doing amazing things in life. I'm here to help you get acquainted with campus, introduce you to campus resources, and make sure that you have many great years in the residence halls! Remember Michelle, the RA from my first year? We are still good friends to this day. These are the kind of relationships I want to help foster.

My advice? Immerse yourself in everything possible! College is a time to learn, grow and have fun! There are so many opportunities to get involved and things to experience here on campus, and you have four years to do so. It seems like a long time, but it really goes by so quickly. Study abroad, join an organization or dance to your favorite song with your roommate while studying. Just have fun.

Your floor will be like your safe haven. You'll meet life-long friends and learn from a diverse group of individuals who will challenge your way of thinking. You'll be close to your classes, tutors, health clinics and delicious food (Combo-X-Change is so convenient). Just keep an open mind and you'll be amazingly successful here at MSU.

“The best part of my job is the residents. I always try to positively influence the residents.”

#MSUSouth
What to Bring Move-in Checklist

Not sure what to bring to campus in the fall? We’ve got you covered! Here’s a checklist to get you started on packing all of your essentials for your new on-campus home.

IDENTIFICATION
- Driver’s license
- Social Security card
- Student ID (If you have it already)

MEDICATIONS
- Anything you take regularly and any special instructions for things like allergy shots
- Spare eyeglasses, contact lenses, supplies
- Current written prescriptions
- Headache, cold, allergy medicine
- First aid supplies

LINENS
- Pillow
- Blanket
- Comforter
- Linens and towels, if you do not plan to use the university-provided linen packet

PERSONAL ITEMS
- Shower tote to carry to the bathroom if you are in a community bath hall
- Robe
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash
- Brush and comb
- Shaving items, tweezers
- Hair dryer, curling/straightening iron
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Bath soap

LAUNDRY/CLOTHING CARE
- Detergent, fabric softener, stain remover, lint brush
- Laundry basket or bag
- Hangers
- Iron

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
- Sewing kit and safety pins
- Mug, glass, plate, silverware
- Non-perishable snack foods
- Microwaveable dish/pan, can opener
- Plastic stacking cubes
- Computer/printer with Ethernet connecting cable
- Cleaning supplies

OPTIONAL DECORATION

THINGS TO MAKE ME FEEL AT HOME

STUFF TO LEAVE AT HOME
- Indoor grills, including George Foreman-type
- Halogen lamps
- Candles
- Pets (fish of non-piranha variety are allowed)

WHY BRING THESE?
Many items are available for check-out or to rent from the Service Center, including:
- Brooms and dustpans
- Vacuums
- Microfridge, futons and personal safes

(Visual content not available)

* Energy Star items are strongly recommended. Check out www.energystar.gov for a list of rated appliances.

**For more information about cable services, please visit www.ipf.msu.edu/services/cable-tv/students.html.
Decorating Your New Home On Campus

Most college students have to experience the bittersweet feeling of moving away from home and the unfamiliar feeling of being in a new environment with new people. It’s an exciting period when you get to break free and live on our own. It’s all part of the college experience. But let’s face it, your new home is probably smaller than your room at your family’s house and only half of it is yours. Here are some pointers on making your new on-campus home comfortable, cozy and inviting.

**KNICK-KNACKS FROM HOME**

Bringing small items from your room back at home will make this feel like your space, not just a room that someone else lived in before you. It also makes you feel more comfortable in this new environment and likely less homesick.

**SPACE PLANNING**

Before decorating, make sure the room is spaced out how you like it. You don’t necessarily have to keep the room the way it is. Try moving the beds to provide space in the center of the room. Once you have that set, try out placing your futon, couch or TV stand underneath one of the beds to save room!
**SMALL COUCH OR FUTON**
The furniture provided fits your basic needs, so having a small, comfortable and colorful couch or futon in your room gives it a more personal feel, helping your room feel more like home. You'll be spending a lot of your time here, so you'll want to make sure it's cozy.

**PICTURES**
Pictures make any space more inviting. They give life to a room and will help you when you're missing friends and family back at home. They also make for a nice personal touch for your side of the room, as you will be sharing much of the rest of your living space.

**BEDDING**
Have fun with this! Your bed takes up most of the room, so whatever bedding you put on it will be seen at all times. Happy bedding makes for a happy room. Add a few throw pillows to give your room that Pinterest look!
ORGANIZERS
The room may be smaller than you are used to, so staying organized is key. This allows your room to feel bigger. The more that is put away, the more space you will have to hang out and study.

FLOORS
The flooring can be cold in these rooms, so try to find a nice big carpet to give the room a warmer feel! Putting a lighter color on the floor will brighten up the space!

LIGHTS
Lighting is necessary to see but can also be a nice decorative touch. Instead of the ordinary desk lights try getting a nice lamp to give your room that “home” feel. Try hanging a string of lights under one of your beds or along the ceiling of your room. It will add a nice ambiance at night.
COLOR
White, black and brown — those are the colors of your room. Pretty basic. Make your room more fun by picking a color or two that you and your roommate agree on. Your room will definitely come to life with a great color scheme!

WALL SPACE
There are many blank walls in your room, so utilize them. You can cover them with picture frames or wall decorations. Even a big mirror could be a nice touch. These added details will complete the room in a way so its not cluttered on the floor or empty when you look up. *Please note: Residents may not drill holes or permanently attach any object to walls, floors, ceilings or doors.

Happy decorating, and enjoy your life in the residence halls!
Employment Opportunities

The Division of Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS) offers many on-campus job opportunities. Work in our residence halls, dining halls and more, where you will gain invaluable experience.

Did you know that when you work for RHS you can apply for the Robert C. Underwood Scholarship? Student team members who meet the requirements below are eligible to apply for this $2,000 scholarship each February. To be eligible, you must:

- Work for RHS a minimum of two consecutive semesters
- Maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA

Residence Education and Housing Services (REHS) is a unit of RHS that employs many students across campus. REHS student team members enjoy flexible schedules to work around classes and activities, hands-on experience in a number of areas and the chance to work right on campus. Look for unique opportunities such as being part of REHS facilities or the Live On Street Team.

Culinary Services is a unit of RHS and also has a variety of employment options. These student team members enjoy a work schedule that accommodates classes and activities, training and development opportunities and, most importantly, the convenience of working close to where they live. Look at openings in the dining halls, Sparty's stores/cafes, MSU Bakers, the Eat at State ON-THE-GO Food Truck, Starbucks and Concessions.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY

Learn more during your Academic Orientation Program this summer. There will be information tables for you to visit at the Resource Fair and select dining halls. Ready to apply? You can fill out an application to work in one of our many campus positions by visiting the sites below.

www.jobs.rhs.msu.edu
www.myspartancareer.com
## Important Dates

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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

- **Housing Assignments Office**
  - liveon@msu.edu
  - 517-884-LIVE (5483) or 1-877-9 LIVE ON

- **Michigan State University Police**
  - info@police.msu.edu
  - 517-355-2221

- **MSU Counseling Center**
  - counseling@cc.msu.edu
  - 517-355-8270

- **Olin Health Center**
  - 517.884.6546

For more information about living on campus, please visit [www.liveon.msu.edu](http://www.liveon.msu.edu) and check out our frequently asked questions at [www.liveon.msu.edu/faq](http://www.liveon.msu.edu/faq).
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- Collegeville Textbook Co.
- Ned’s Bookstore

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Getting Involved

Regardless of whether you’re from a big city, small town, or another country, MSU can feel like a large place. By getting involved in the Neighborhoods and student groups and by attending events, you can make it feel as small as you’d like, which will contribute to making your Spartan experience outstanding!

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSOs)
MSU has more than 700 registered student organizations. Don’t let that number scare you; it just means there’s something for EVERYONE. Whether you’d like to try your hand at the Breakdancing Club, a community service organization or an a cappella group, getting involved helps to ease the transition from high school to college.

It doesn’t hurt academically either. Students who get involved are more likely to graduate and gain knowledge in leadership, communication and problem solving. To see a list of the organizations available at MSU, visit studentlife.msu.edu.

You can also learn more about the organizations at:

SPARTICIPATION 2015
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
5-8 p.m. (Check in begins at 3 p.m.)
Cherry Lane Field

Learn more and view a complete list of RSOs on campus by visiting www.studentlife.msu.edu/student-organizations-activities.

Jessica Lee, a junior, says making friends is inevitable, so just be yourself.
UAB Campus Events

The University Activities Board (UAB) hosts more than 300 events annually on campus, most free to MSU students! Here are just some of the fun things UAB is planning:

- Concerts
- Hypnotists
- Game Shows
- Comedians
- Craft Nights
- Inflatable Games
- Open Mics
- Theme Nights
- Free Music Fridays
- Outdoor Events
- Talent Competitions
- Recreational Events
- Lectures
- Movies and Advanced Screenings

Visit [www.uabevents.com](http://www.uabevents.com) for more information. Many of these events are funded through our Residence Hall Linen and Carpet fundraising programs.

RESIDENCE HALL LINEN PROGRAM

Make your space your own and go beyond the white bed linens and towels that are included with on-campus housing! The Residence Hall Linen Program gives you the option to upgrade to popular colors and patterns. Call 800-957-4338 or visit [www.rhl.org/mst](http://www.rhl.org/mst) to place an order. Hurry, before your favorite color or pattern is sold out!

RESIDENCE HALL CARPET PROGRAM

Enjoy the convenience of on-campus pick up and a special student rate when you pre-order your carpet through the Residence Hall Carpet Program. Select a brand new, top-quality, plush carpet that's sized perfectly for your room. It will be waiting for you during move-in at one of four locations on campus. Call 800-892-8729 or visit [www.rhcarpets.com/mst](http://www.rhcarpets.com/mst) to place an order.

HAVE A GREAT NIGHT OUT

UAB is your source for great campus entertainment. We offer more than 300 events each year, with most programs FREE for MSU students! All events are located on campus, so there is always something fun to do close to home!

In partnership with the Residence Hall Association (RHA), UAB sponsors first-run films at the Campus Center Cinemas on weekend nights (free to undergraduate students that live on-campus in a residence hall and pay the RHA tax).

UAB and RHA can enhance your classroom education by offering quality volunteer and leadership opportunities. Regardless of your area of study, you can gain skills that will give you a competitive edge in today's job market. For more information, visit our table at your Academic Orientation Program this summer. And, don't miss our annual U-Fest event — full of free food and activities — at the MSU Union this fall.

CONNECT WITH UAB

Visit us online at [www.uabevents.com](http://www.uabevents.com), call us at 517-355-3354 or follow us on social media!

- Facebook: /UABatMSU
- Twitter: @UABatMSU
- Instagram: /UABatMSU

FALL UAB SALES ARE GOING ON AT THE MSU UNION AUGUST 28 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

Don't miss out on colorful linens, plush carpet and poster art for your room!
Be Spartan Green

LIVE GREEN
• Talk with friends about being environmentally conscious and what that means.
• Report heating, electrical and water issues to the facility manager or Service Center.
• Turn off lights when you leave and no one is around. Use natural light instead of turning on lights whenever possible.
• Use compact fluorescent or LED light bulbs rather than incandescent light bulbs for task lighting.
• Turn off and unplug electronics and small appliances when they are not in use, especially over holiday breaks.
• Utilize power-saving settings on computers so they can automatically go to sleep if you step away for a while.
• Share small appliances, like a refrigerator, with roommates, suitemates or other floormates.
• Conserve water by showering less than 10 minutes and turn off water while brushing your teeth.
• Wash laundry in full loads on the cold setting.

BUY GREEN
• Purchase and use a refrigerator and TV that are Energy Star rated. Check out www.energystar.gov.
• Choose a laptop instead of a desktop. Laptops use less energy and are more portable.
• Consider purchasing a smart power strip for energy savings and surge protection for your devices.
• Drink water from the tap or hydration (filtered) water station in all residence halls rather than buying bottled water. Conserve your resources and money.
• Purchase paper with at least 30 percent or more post-consumer or recycled content.
• Purchase used furniture and supplies from the MSU Surplus Store or other resale stores.
• Choose to use nontoxic/biodegradable and/or Green Seal-Certified cleaning products.
• Purchase food, household cleaners and other items in bulk. Also, buy local food when it is available.
• Take only what you can eat. Go trayless when you eat on campus and you’ll waste less food and conserve water and energy.

TRAVEL GREEN
• Walk, bike or take the bus to class and work.
• Carpool or take the bus or train when traveling away from campus.
• Use Zipcar at MSU if you need a car to travel. Learn more at www.zipcar.com.
• Rent, buy or repair a bike at the MSU Bikes Service Center.

REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE
• Have printer cartridges refilled or send them to MSU Recycling to be recycled.
• Reduce the amount of paper used by printing less, printing double-sided and reducing margins.
• Reuse old folders, envelopes and binders.
• Share newspapers, periodicals and catalogs.
• Remove your name from lists that send junk mail.
• Use rechargeable batteries.
• Use reusable mugs, water bottles, dishes and utensils rather than disposable stuff.
• Recycle all the materials MSU accepts, including all plastics, all paper, boxboard, glass and cardboard. Use the Be Spartan Green recycling bag that is provided in your room.

START OUT RIGHT! BE GREEN DURING MOVE-IN
Our Pack Up. Pitch In. campaign occurs during move-in each year. As you are settling in to your new campus home, remember to recycle your packing and unwanted moving materials, including cardboard, boxboard, all plastics, glass and polystyrene (Styrofoam) in your residence hall lobby or the outside bins during move-in.

All students receive a mesh recycling bag and reusable water bottle in their room at move-in. The bag can be used to collect recyclable materials (as listed above) and to transport them to the recycling centers in every residence hall lobby and near classrooms. Your water bottle can be filled at hydration stations throughout campus. Welcome to Michigan State University!

GREEN RESOURCES @ MSU
MSU Office of Campus Sustainability
www.bespartangreen.msu.edu

MSU Recycling Center
www.recycle.msu.edu

MSU Surplus Store
www.msusurplusstore.com

MSU University Stores
usd.msu.edu/university-stores/

MSU Bikes
www.bikes.msu.edu

HAVE QUESTIONS?
Contact the Residential and Hospitality Services Sustainability office:

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517-884-LIVE (5483)

Visit the Housing Assignments Office in person at:
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East Lansing, MI 48825

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