

Fast Facts Just For Students Living Off-Campus

Office of Student Activities and Union Services

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Campus Resources:

COMMUTER ASSISTANTS – Commuter Assistants with the Office of Student Activities and Union Services are student leaders who live off-campus and can help answer your questions.

MEALPLANS – Get a Commuter Meal Plan at the Campus Card Services Office (lower level of the Student Union). These plans are ideal for commuter students who want to grab a quick bite to eat between classes!

CAMPUS SERVICES – All campus services that residential students utilize are equally available to commuter students. Whether it is the library, health center, Athletics and Wellness Center facilities, student clubs and governance, or computer labs, use them. They are for commuters, too!

STUDENT UNION – It is the best place to hang-out, socialize, and meet fellow commuters. Don't think about going to your car between classes, come hang out in the Student Union - your living room right here on campus.

COMMUTER LOUNGE – Located on the first floor of the Student Union, this is a space just for students who live off-campus. There are tables to study or grab a bite, microwaves to warm your food, charging stations for your phone/laptop, a TV, couches, and a printer. This is your space!

COMMUTER LOCKERS – Rent a commuter locker to store away items or other personal belongings while on campus. Visit the Office of Student Activities and Union Services for rental information.

NP ALERT – Sign-up for NP Alert to make sure you are aware of any campus closures, delays, or other emergencies. You can also sign up to get texts about events specific to you with the Commuter Student Group option.

Public Transit Options:

UCAT – Ulster County Area Transit manages public transportation in New Paltz and to Poughkeepsie, Kingston, and Newburgh. Check out their website for all route schedules: www.co.ulster.ny.us/ucat/schedule.html

- The Loop - A shuttle through the Village of New Paltz
- Ulster Poughkeepsie Link - Bus Service from New Paltz to the Poughkeepsie Train Station

TRAILWAYS – Need Tickets elsewhere throughout the state? The Office of Student Activities sells Trailways Bus Tickets Monday-Friday from 9AM - 4PM. Check out this website: www.newpaltz.edu/sub/trailways.html

Finding Off-Campus Housing and/or Roomates:

SUNY NEW PALTZ HOUSING BULLETIN BOARD – www.newpaltz.edu/housingbb

CRAIGSLIST – hudsonvalley.craigslist.org

TIMES HERALD RECORD – www.recordonline.com or ulsterpublishing.com

NEW PALTZ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – www.newpaltzchamber.org/pages/New_Resident_Information.php

Resources for Living Off-Campus:

NEW YORK STATE TENANTS RIGHTS – <http://www.newpaltz.sub/tenantsrights.pdf>

RENT LAW – <http://www.rentlaw.com>

LOCAL RESOURCES – <http://www.newpaltz.edu/saus/OCSUlocalresources.pdf>

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Tips Living Off Campus:

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS – It is always a good idea to introduce yourself to your neighbors. It will be easier to address any issues that may arise in the future.

ESTABLISH A ROUTINE – If you aren't used to shopping for groceries, cleaning the bathroom, or doing laundry, work to establish a routine you can stick to.

ROOMMATE EXPECTATIONS – Take the time to figure out who is paying for which bills, who is in charge of what house chores, parking, and to clarify other important interests.

GET YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS TOGETHER – Do you know who to call if your toilet floods, if you smell gas, or if a window breaks? Get all of your contacts together and keep them in a convenient location. Make sure to find out which items are yours to address, which are landlord duties, and which are best handled by professionals or emergency personnel.