

# Fast Facts Just For Students Living Off-Campus

## Office of Student Activities and Union Services

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### Campus Resources:

- STUDENT UNION** – It is the best place to hang-out, socialize, and meet fellow commuters. Don't sit in 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.
- 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!
- NP ALERT** – Make sure you are aware of any campus closures, delays, or other emergencies. Sign up through your [my.newpaltz.edu](http://my.newpaltz.edu) account to receive a call, text message, and/or email.

### Public Transit Options:

- UCAT – Ulster County Area Transit** manages public transportation in Ulster County. Get route schedules and information online at <http://ulstercountyny.gov/ucats/ulster-county-area-transit> or download their app (search "UCAT" in your device's app store)
- The Loop - A shuttle through the Village of New Paltz—FREE with Student ID!
  - Ulster Poughkeepsie Link - Bus from New Paltz to the Poughkeepsie Train Station—FREE with Student ID!
- TRAILWAYS** – The Office of Student Activities sells Trailways Bus Tickets Monday-Friday from 9AM - 4PM. Many locations have student discounts on fares.

### Finding Off-Campus Housing and/or Roommates:

- SUNY NEW PALTZ HOUSING BULLETIN BOARD** – [www.newpaltz.edu/housingbb](http://www.newpaltz.edu/housingbb)
- CRAIGSLIST** – <https://hudsonvalley.craigslist.org/>
- HUDSON VALLEY TIMES** – <http://ulsterpublishing.com/pages/classifieds>
- NEW PALTZ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – <http://www.newpaltzchamber.org/live--work.html>

### Resources for Living Off-Campus:

Check out our website: <http://www.newpaltz.edu/saus/commuters.html>—we link to lots of useful resources including the NYS Tenants' Rights Guide, transportation options, and the Off-Campus and Commuter Student Handbook.

### Tips for Living Off-Campus:

- GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS** – It is always a good idea to introduce yourself to the people that live around you. It will be easier to address any issues that may arise in the future.
- SET A BUDGET**—Plan ahead for rent, utilities, groceries, and other monthly expenses.
- 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.
- DISCUSS EXPECTATIONS** – Talk with your roommates/housemates about whom is responsible for paying bills, house chores, parking, and to clarify other important interests.
- GET YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS TOGETHER** – Do you know who to call if your toilet overflows, 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.