

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

RESIDENCE HALL DECORATIONS AND FURNISHINGS POLICY

I. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides rules about residential decorations and furnishings for students living in University operated residence halls.

II. POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. Decorations

- A. **Alcohol containers.** The use of alcohol beverage containers of any type for decoration or display is prohibited.
- B. **Combustible.** Combustible decorations must not be put on the ceiling, in the entryway, on the door, or near heat sources such as light bulbs.
- C. **Coverage area.** Room decorations are permitted except for hanging blankets, tapestries, or fishnets, provided the decorations do not cover more than 50 percent of the wall or window space.
- D. **Damage.** Any method of affixing decorations that puts holes in or mars walls, woodwork, doors, or furnishings; removes paint; or leaves behind a residue is prohibited.
- E. **Painting.** Painting any surface of any room or any other University property is prohibited.
- F. **Room doors.** Signs or posters on room doors facing the interior hallway must be kept within the door frame (Cambridge, South Donahue, or Village) or University provided bulletin board (Hill and Quad) and must have the approval of all roommates.
- G. **Shelf paper.** The use of adhesive-backed shelf paper is prohibited.
- H. **Trees.** The use of natural cut trees, branches, or greens is prohibited.
- I. **Windows/doorways.** No decorations, flags, banners, or other items may be hung on the exterior of the residence hall nor draped from or obstruct a window or doorway of any resident room/suite or residence hall entry.

2. Furnishings

- A. **AC units.** The installation of air conditioners by residents is prohibited.
- B. **Dismantling.** The dismantling of doors, furniture, or any other University property is prohibited.
- C. **Location.** Placing furniture in hallways is prohibited.
- D. **Lofts.** The use of lofts other than those leased from a vendor approved by University Housing is prohibited.
- E. **Lounge.** Removal of furniture in lounges and public areas is prohibited.
- F. **Placement.** All University furnishings and fixtures must remain in the room at all times. University furniture may not be removed from the residence halls.
- G. **Proximity to AC.** In the Quad and Hill, placing furniture less than two feet from the heating/air conditioning unit is prohibited.
- H. **Water beds.** The use of water beds is prohibited.
- I. **Window tampering.** The removal or opening of stops designed to limit the opening of the window, either permanently or for a short period of time, is prohibited.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

August 4, 2014

IV. APPLICABILITY

All undergraduate students living in University owned residence halls.

V. POLICY MANAGEMENT

Responsible Office: Property Management, Housing, Residence Life

Responsible Executive: Directors of Property Management, Housing, and Residence Life

Responsible Officer: Directors of Property Management, Housing, and Residence Life

VI. DEFINITIONS

N/A

VII. POLICY PROCEDURES

VIII. SANCTIONS

Residents violating this policy may be charged for any damage to University property and will be referred to Residence Life for conduct sanctions.

IX. EXCLUSIONS

N/A

X. INTERPRETATION

Directors of Property Management, Housing, and Residence Life