BOULDER, CO

A GUIDE TO LIVING OFF CAMPUS FOR STUDENTS



Neighborhood Overview

Gunbarrel \$

Dakota Ridge/ Wonderland \$\$

N Boulder \$\$

NE Boulder \$\$

Newlands \$\$\$

Whittier \$\$\$

E Boulder \$\$

S Boulder \$\$.

Mapleton Hill \$\$\$

Retail/Industrial \$\$

Uni Hill/Chautauqua \$\$

Boulder Averages

BOULDER NEIGHBORHOODS

(119)

- Per Bedroom: \$800-1000
- Unrelated Occupants: 3 4

Dakota Ridge

- Cheaper
- Longer Commute
- Low Student Population
- **Very Few Busses**

N Boulder

- Cheaper
- ~10 min Commute
- **Newer Houses**
- NoBo Shopping Center

NE Boulder

- Cheaper
- ~15 min Commute
- **Newer Houses**
- Calmer Neighborhoods

Newlands

Very Expensive

Mapleton Hill

- ~10 min Commute
- **Very Few Listings** Calmer Neighborhoods

The Most Expensive

No Occupancy Limits

Run Down Properties **Great Bus Routes**

Very Overpriced

Not as Many Rentals for Students

Mostly Commercial and Retail

Right up Against the Mountains

Whittier

- Retail and Businesses
- **Very Very Expensive**
- Old Properties
- **Very Few Listings**

E Boulder

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- Cheapest Areas
- Few Bus Routes
- Tons of Listings
- Calmer Neighborhoods

Retail/Industrial

- Newer Developments
- **Poor Bus Routes**
- Cheaper Area
- Car Recommended

S Boulder

- Moderatly Priced~15 min Commute

- Mostly FamiliesCentral Shopping Center



The Hill

How to Find a Listing

While Looking, Always

- Check multiple sites
- Research the owner



Websites





Apartments.com



Ralphie's List





Realtor.com



Finding a Home







Start with location, use the Neighborhood Overview to pinpoint where you want to live, and narrow your starting search to there

Make sure the listing has an ample amount of up-to-date pictures, if they don't, you can always request them!





Make sure the price matches similar properties in the area



Check the language in the listing for important traits like: 'Pet Free' 'Security Deposit' 'Pre-lease' 'Remodeled' ALSO check for gramatical and spelling errors, chances are, the more professional the listing sounds, the better the chance you won't get scammed







Inquire about the property via email or by phone, DON'T sign anything without reading it and never give out payment information without seeing the property first!



Research whoever posted the listing, see if they have other properties up for rent, and if those properties have reviews tied to them









Lastly, always tour a property beforehand if possible, make sure to check out appliances, possible damages, water pressure and heating/cooling



Things to Look Out For



When looking for a property, make sure that all of the appliances work, the house is free of damage, water pressure, doors and hinges, and AC/Heating.



When first moving into a property, make sure that you take pictures of almost everything, this way you have proper documentation of existing damages for when you move out.



Make sure to read your whole lease! If you have any questions or concerns about the lease, CU Boulder has a housing laywer that will look it over with you.



Boulder has occupancy laws on most of the zones in the city, make sure you know what the maximum unrelated occupant number is for your property.



Colorado and Boulder have strong tenant protections when it comes to discrimination. If you ever feel that you have been discriminated against by your landlord contact CU's housing lawyer



Boulder has rules for what counts as a habitable space. These include, running hot and cold water, heating, electricity, etc... Don't let landlords charge you for an uninhabitable property



Look out for scam
listings on sites like
Craigslist, Facebook,
and even trusted realestate sites. Make sure
to vet the poster of the
property and read
reviews if possible.



One of the most common problems
Boulder tenants have, have to do with security deposits. CU has a committe to settle secutriy deposit disputes. This committe does charge a small fee however



No one can make you sign anything, make sure you've seen the property first before signing, and make sure that you know what's in the lease before signing as well



The Property Managers

There are a few large property management companies in Boulder that you'll most likley rent from at some point. Here we'll give you a general rundown of their strengths and weaknesses. But always make sure to do your own research as well.



Fourstar Property
Management

Google: 3.3 Stars
Fourstar is infamous with
college renters,
poor maintenance
overcharging, and security
deposit issues make its
prime locations hard to
swallow for many.



Google: 4.8 Stars
Better than average
ratings, ACPMB isn't an
ordinary landlord, they
manage properties for
other owners throughout
the city.

All County Property

Management of Boulder

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Housing Helpers

Google 4.7 Stars
Generally positive
experiences, Housing
Helpers is a great
property manager to rent
from if you can find one of

their properties.



Google: 3 Stars
Smaller, cheaper and
located in South Boulder,
Rent Boulder Now is a
mixed bag. Generally good
maintenance is juxtaposed
by a dysfunctional office.



Fowler Property
Management

Google: 3.4 Stars
Another large rental
company, renting
properties all around
Boulder, lower prices than
Fourstar but experience
varies drastically by the
specific property.



Management

Google 4.3 Stars
Generally viewed a good
landlord primarily renting
to the Goss Grove area,
BPM is a good option for
renting around the
University.