University Housing Residence Hall Prohibited Items

PROHIBITED ITEMS

ITEM	EXPLANATION	ALTERNATIVES	
Air Fresheners & Decorating			
Electric Oil Air Fresheners (plugins)	Products have been linked to fires.	Battery operated air freshener dispenser, aerosol sprays, gel bead and charcoal odor absorbers	
Reed Diffuser	Flammable liquids are a fire hazard.	Battery operated air freshener dispenser, aerosol sprays, gel bead and charcoal odor absorbers	
Wax Melter	Wax melters utilize a high temperature heating unit via a light bulb or hot plate to melt wax which is a fire hazard. Additionally, putting wax down drains has caused clogs.	Battery operated air freshener dispenser, aerosol sprays, gel bead and charcoal odor absorbers	
Removable Wallpaper	Removable wallpaper creates significant damage to walls and is prohibited. Residents will be charged for damages caused by using wallpaper.	Wall art.	
Command Strips	Command strips are prohibited from use on drywall due to the significant damage caused.	Thumb tacks.	
Candles	Open flames are prohibited.	Battery operated air freshener dispenser, aerosol sprays, gel bead and charcoal odor absorbers	
Incense	Open flames are prohibited.	Battery operated air freshener dispenser, aerosol sprays, gel bead and charcoal odor absorbers	
Cooking			
Cooking Devices: Rice Cookers, Toasters, Toaster Ovens, Air Fryers, Crock Pots, Pressure Cookers, Panini Makers, Waffle Makers, Electric Popcorn Makers	Cooking is the leading cause of fires in the nation and at CSU. Use of cooking appliances in residence hall rooms is prohibited due to units being a fire hazard.	If student has dietary/allergy restrictions or cultural reasons for needing specific cooking devices, accommodations can be sought by working with Housing, Safety, and SDC.	
BBQ/Camping Cooking Equipment: Charcoal, Propane, Grills, Lighter Fluid, Torches	Flammable liquids, hazardous materials, and items that generate an open flame are prohibited from being stored or used in residence hall rooms.	Store in car or off campus.	

Hot Plates: Used for	Exposed hot surfaces are a fire	Electric water boilers for tea or		
cooking/warming pan, bowl,	hazard and are prohibited from	noodles.		
cup or used for warming wax	residence hall rooms.			
Lighting				
Halogen Lamps	Halogen bulbs operate at high	LED lights.		
	temperatures and are a fire hazard.			
Oil Lamps	Flammable liquid is prohibited	LED lights.		
Neon Signs	Traditional neon signs filled	LED lights wrapped in silicone		
	with neon gas contain hazardous	to give effect of traditional neon		
	material and operate at high	sign.		
	temperatures creating a fire			
	hazard.			
Lava Lamps	Lava lamps consist of a wax	LED lights/lamps.		
	mixture that is heated to create			
	rising blobs. Lava lamps are a			
	fire hazard because of heating			
	element used to heat the liquid.			
Other				
Space Heater	Space heaters contain open oils	Electric heating blanket or		
	and are a fire hazard. Space	heating pads.		
	heaters are prohibited. If there is			
	a heating outage, space heaters			
	will be provided to affected			
	areas.			
Electric Wheeled Conveyances:	Lithium battery devices in	Alternative transportation such		
E-Bike, E-Scooter, E-	electric wheeled conveyances	as bikes, buses, walking,		
Skateboard, etc.	are a fire hazard and prohibited.	skateboards, etc.		

ALLOWED ITEMS

ITEM	REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWANCE
Essential Oil Diffusers	Essential oil must be in limited quantities and stored safely away
	from heat sources. Diffusers must be maintained and cleaned per
	manufacturer instructions and have an automatic shut off feature. If
	the fragrance poses health risk and irritation to roommates and
	neighbors, University Housing reserves the right to have it
	removed.
Electric Water Boilers	Electric water boilers must have an automatic shut off feature and
	no exposed coils or hot plates. Unit should be unplugged when not
	in use.
Blenders	Blenders should be used per manufacturer instructions and be
	unplugged after use. Never put hot liquid into blender.
Humidifiers	Humidifiers must be maintained and cleaned per manufacture
	instructions and have an automatic shut off feature.
Air Purifiers	Air purifiers under 100 watts are allowed.
Minifridges	Minifridges under 5 cubic feet and no more than 5 years old are
	allowed. Residents are encouraged to rent through Microfridge.

LED Light Strips, Rope Lights,	Light strips/ropes/strands are allowed but cannot be adhered to
Holiday Light Strands	walls, ceiling, or doors. Lights should not exceed 20 feet in length
	or three strands.
Coffee Pots	Coffee pots are allowed and must have an automatic shut off
	feature.
Heat Lamps for Reptiles	A limit of 2 heat lamps for ESA reptiles are allowed per room. Heat
	rocks for reptiles are prohibited.
Electric Heat Blankets and Heat	Electric heat blankets and heating pads that are no more than 5
Pads	years old are allowed. Only one heating blanket or heating pad can
	be used at once. Heating blankets and pads must be turned off when
	not in use and turned off before sleeping.
Ring Lights	Small LED ring lights that have cooling features to prevent
	overheating are allowed.