

GSB Survival Guide

1 Introduction

This guide provides information about the department, Purdue, the Lafayette area, Indiana, and surrounding states. The information in this guide is not complete and not guaranteed to be correct. If you are not sure about something, do not be afraid to ask a fellow student or to e-mail the CS Graduate Student Board (gsb@cs.purdue.edu). If you would like something added or changed in the Guide, please e-mail the GSB.

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2 Housing

If you do not have any housing by the first week of the semester, run, do not walk, to the Dean of Students Office in Schleman Hall to obtain the Off Campus Housing listing and advice on obtaining a place to live. This information can also be accessed online via:

<https://www.purdue.edu/offcampushousing>

Also check the Exponent:

<https://www.purdueexponent.org/classifieds>

and Boiler apartments:

<https://www.boilerapartments.com/>

for housing ads and roommate classifieds.

Grad students often live in one of the Grad Houses or in Purdue Village. If you wish to live in Purdue Village (PV), you should apply ASAP. Purdue Village, which used to be only for married students, does allow single students. Spots in PV tend to fill up fast.

There are a numerous student apartment complexes all around campus and many old houses that have been divided into multiple living units. The apartments right around campus tend to be leased in January and February for the following fall semester, so start your search early in the spring for your fall housing. In addition, if you have a group of friends that you can live with, you can usually find an older house for rent if you check the classifieds. One other resource available to grad students is the Purdue Research Foundation (PRF), which has many old houses around campus for rent. Unfortunately for undergrads, PRF will only rent to faculty and grad students.

Apartments within walking distance of campus tend to be quite expensive but if you have transportation, there are numerous apartment complexes all over the Lafayette area that are quite reasonable. If you don't have a car, you can see if the bus line runs nearby. Of course, you always run a risk if you depend heavily on the buses. One more thing to

consider when deciding on off-campus housing is related to restrictions on obtaining parking permits. The University will not sell you a parking permit if you live too close to campus. If you plan on driving to campus, make sure you live far enough away to get a university parking permit.

3 Utilities

If you are moving into an apartment or house, you will probably need to hook up some utilities. When you sign a lease, check with the landlord to see what utilities are not included in the rent. Then a few days before you move in to your new domicile, call the utility companies to hook up the necessary utilities. Many of the utility companies will demand a deposit for new service if you did not have an account with them previously. Examples of *some* carriers are shown in the table below:

Utility	Company	Phone
Cable	Insight Communications	765-447-6886
Electric	Cinergy/PSI	800-521-2232
Gas	Indiana Gas Company	800-666-3090
Telephone	Verizon	800-483-4600
Water	West Lafayette Water Company	765-463-5531
Water	Lafayette Municipal Water System	765-742-8404

The city of West Lafayette provides curbside service for recycling and garbage pickup only for houses with four units or less. If you live in a complex or house with more than four units then a private contractor must be hired for garbage disposal. Labeled bins are provided for anyone wishing to drop-off recyclable materials at 705 S. River Road. There are also bins for recyclable materials around Purdue Village.

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