Electrical Appliances

**Summary/Purpose:** This policy defines the electrical appliances that are and are not permitted in residence hall rooms and apartments and gives the appropriate use policy for air conditioners in the Village.

**Residence Halls:** The electrical systems in the residence halls are not designed to carry heavy loads of electrical equipment. Appliances that are permitted include: microwaves (less than 1000 watts), refrigerators (no more than 4 cubic feet), coffee makers, air popcorn poppers, hair dryers, electric shavers, radios, TVs and stereos. Microwaves are the only cooking appliance permitted for use in student rooms. No homemade electrical appliance will be permitted. Additionally, residents must be present when using any cooking appliance in student rooms or in hall kitchens.

Items which are NOT allowed include but are not limited to: electric heaters, oil popcorn poppers, toaster ovens, "George Foreman" or similar type grills, open coiled or open flame appliances, halogen lamps, crock pots, and convection ovens.

**Apartments:** Appliances with open coils, flames, or those that pose an electrical overload are prohibited for safety reasons. Dishwashers, washers, and dryers are not allowed. (Exception: Washers only allowed in Village apartments with pre-installed hookups.) If one of these appliances is found, the resident has within 72 hours to permanently remove it from the complex. If not properly taken care of within 72 hours, judicial action will be pursued. It is possible that the resident may be charged an additional electrical service usage fee. In addition, the resident’s lease may be terminated due to noncompliance.

**Air Conditioners in the Village:** Personal window unit air conditioners are allowed in the Village. Each air conditioner must be 220 or110 volt, 20 amp. or less. In addition, the air conditioner is to be no more that 18,000 BTUs. University maintenance does not install air conditioners. Residents are responsible for the safe keeping of the window screens and will be responsible for any damage to the windows. If a unit is considered to be problematic/not up to standards, the student will need to replace the unit.