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You've Moved In. Now What?

Smart Students Make Great Neighbors

Get a copy of your lease. The landlord must provide you with a *signed* copy of your lease. If you have a question about your property down the road, you need to know what you agreed to.

Take an inventory of your apartment. Your security deposit will be returned to you at the end of your lease if there are no damages, so use our apartment condition checklist to assess your apartment. Send a dated copy to the landlord, and keep a copy for yourself!

Ask for receipts. When paying rent, deposits, or any fees,

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Helpful Campus & City Resources

Northeastern Off Campus Student Services
617.373.8480

Rental Housing Services
617.635.4200

Inspectional Services Dept.
617.635.5300

Mayor's 24 hr Hotline
617.635.4500

always ask for a receipt. Having a record of when items were paid will be handy if there are disputes.

Make sure your property gets inspected. Boston requires inspections of all rental units by Inspectional Services Department (ISD), to make sure everything in the property is up to code, there are no infestations, etc. Click here to see if your apartment has been inspected.

Think about renter's insurance. Your personal property probably isn't covered for theft, fire, etc by your parents' or landlord's insurance policy. Renter's insurance is easy to get and is usually pretty cheap. Click here for more information.

Check your trash schedule. You can be fined for putting your trash out at incorrect times or locations. Check your trash schedule online here, and check out our tips for removing trash here.

Know your Rights. We are here to help. Or, contact Rental Housing Services about what you should expect when renting in Boston.

Be a good neighbor. Introduce yourself to your neighbors, think about joining a Neighborhood Crime Watch Group, and remember that not everyone is your neighborhood is a student! Take the Northeastern Pledge!

Meet Your Community Ambassadors

City Events

Click on the pictures for more info!

Sept. 10-11 @ Christopher Columbus Park. Both visual and performing arts will be presented during the weekend festival-Boston style!

Sept. 16-22 @ The Stuart Street Playhouse. Many films have premiered over the years at this famous annual film festival.

Sept. 16-18 @ Harvard University. This student conference is focused on student organizing around the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Sept. 17 from 11AM-5PM @ East

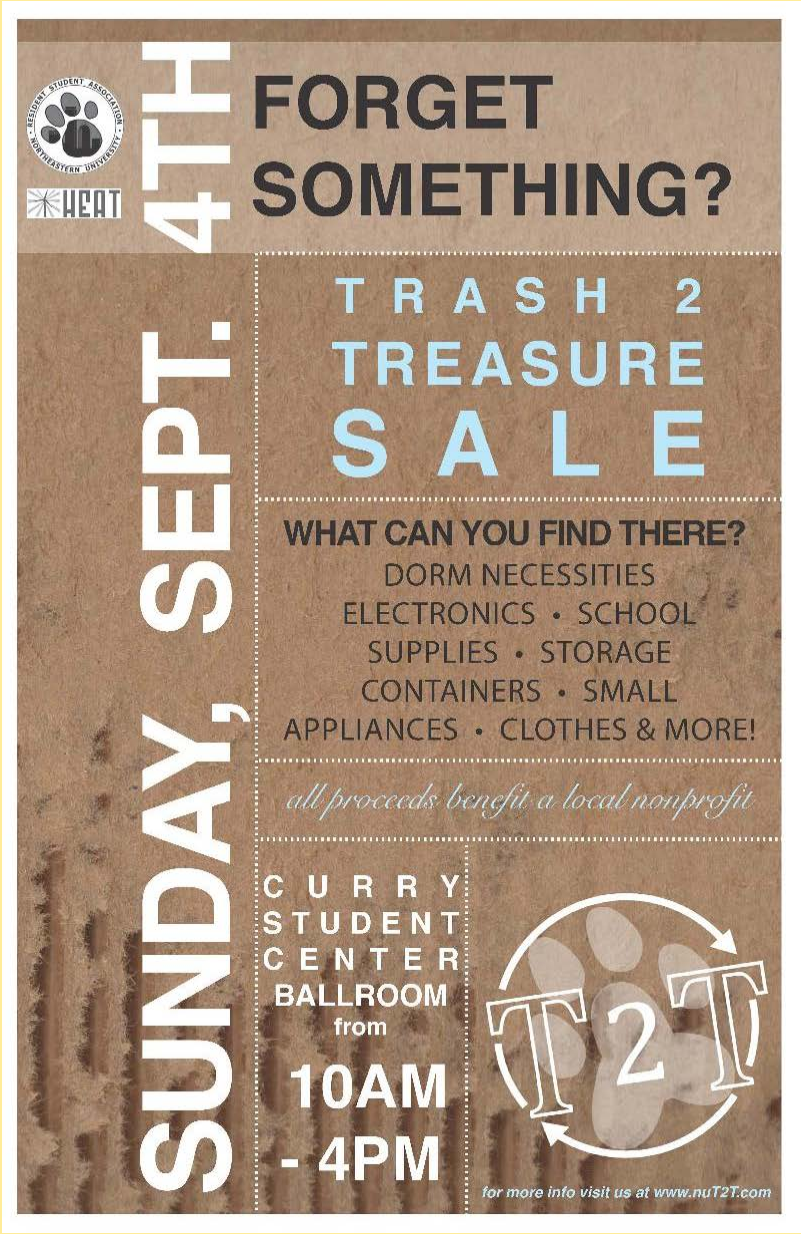
Community Ambassadors keep off-campus students connected to campus events, city resources, and neighborhood programs. Living off-campus can be stressful and you may not know your rights. So contact your Community Ambassadors and take advantage of their assistance. Have a question? A tenant issue? Ask your CA's at CA@neu.edu!

Campus Events

Broadway Street between I & L Street. This annual street festival features local bands, performers and vendors.

Sept. 22 from 5PM-10PM @ The Museum of Science. Come check out The Museum of Science's FREE college night, featuring music and 3-D cinema films!

Sept. 22 from 7PM-11PM @ The Museum of Fine Arts. The MFA



Trash2Treasure is a student initiated program dedicated to rescuing usable items from students during spring semester move-out from becoming trash and turning those items into someone else's treasure at a large yard sale during Welcome Week. All proceeds will benefit a local non-profit organization!

Student Activities Fair

Sept. 8, 3PM-5PM

Krentzman Quad,Library Quad & Bulfinch Pathway alongside Ell Hall. Explore the many unique opportunities for you to get involved on campus. Stop by the annual Student Activities Fair to meet representatives from many of Northeastern's 260 student organizations; you'll be happy you did!

is hosting a FREE college night filled with live music, dancing, food & more!

Get Connected.

Download Northeastern's new app to view class schedules, card balances, course listings, news and more right on your phone.
Click here
for more info.

RSVP here!

Take the PLEDGE!

As a Northeastern student, I know that what I do and how I act directly affects other members of the community, especially our neighbors. I pledge to represent the values of Northeastern in my actions, whether in interactions with fellow students, neighbors in our local community, or wherever my studies and co-op take me, whether here in Boston, around the country or all over the world.
I am Northeastern!

Click here for more info on the NU PLEDGE

Mission Hill Road Race

Know someone who wants updates, community messages, information on events and our newsletter? Have them join our mailing list!

Did You Know?

Renter's Insurance covers you against theft, accidental damages, fire, storms & more. You can get year-round coverage for about $100. Click here for some FAQs.

Dear Roaming Husky...

Dear Roaming Husky,

I just began a new lease, and I love my new apartment! I feel that some things may not be up to code, however, so I talked to my landlord. He said that he has already looked at the apartment and everything is ok, but I'm still not sure. Is there a way to get a second opinion about my property?

Sincerely,
New Stuff

October 1 is an annual road race to support the Fitzgerald park on Mission Hill. Northeastern won the Pudding Pot for having the greatest number of students involved in this community event. Runners, joggers and walkers welcome! For more information, click here. To register, click here. Make sure to register before Sept. 22 to avoid extra fees!

SAFEnet Advisory: Neighborhood Safety

Tips that can help protect you as you move into a new home:

- Click here to learn about the night-time safety shuttle to your off campus apartment within 1 ½ miles of campus.
- Always keep your door closed & secured, use your keyed lock, deadbolt & peephole, don't buzz anyone in that you don't know.
- Use window riser restrictors. Know your neighbors.
- Avoid showing money on public transit; wait for trains and buses with other people or at the booth. Stay away from commotions or fights; be aware of pickpocketing and make sure your backpack is fully closed.
- Trust your instincts: stay in well-lit areas at night, use well-traveled areas, avoid alleys and shortcuts & walk with others when possible.
- For more tips from the Boston Police Department, click here.

Dear New Stuff,

Yes. Boston has a department called the Inspectional Services Department (ISD), which is responsible for enforcing building, housing, health, sanitation, and safety regulations in Boston. Your landlord is required by law to have your apartment inspected within 45 days of a new tenancy, so play it safe and get inspected! Call ISD @ 617.635.5300 for more information about inspections, or to check if your property has been inspected in the last year, click here.

-Your Roaming Husky

Have a question? Write to Roaming Husky at offcampus@neu.edu!

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