STUDENT LIVING HANDBOOK
YOUR BRIDGE TO OFF CAMPUS LIFE.
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SO YOU’RE THINKING ABOUT MOVING OFF-CAMPUS...

BUT WAIT! Is the grass really greener on the other side? Here are some reasons why to consider staying on campus.

2nd YEAR IN A RESIDENCE HALL
You may think living a second year in the dorms will result in a loss of all social credibility...but that just isn’t the case! Many students live in the residence halls for more than one year and there are many benefits to doing so!

PRO #1: Accessibility to school
If you live on-campus, you can easily walk to classes, libraries, computer labs, cafeterias, etc. You don’t have to waste time and money driving to school or finding a parking space.

PRO #2: Increased Social Life
Living on-campus will allow you to meet more people and establish more friendships than if you live off-campus. Living in a dorm means there will always be someone around to hang out with, and you will be more aware of campus activities and how to get involved.

PRO #3: Simplicity
If you live on-campus, you don’t have to worry about monthly rent payments, utility bills, and grocery shopping. You also don’t have to worry who is going to do the dishes, sweep the floor, or clean the toilet.

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES (LLC)
LEARN WHERE YOU LIVE! Living Learning Communities (LLC) provide another on campus living option. In a LLC you will live with like-minded students interested in a specific theme such as outdoor adventure, sustainability, leadership, social justice, and more.

LLCs provide a living space with others who have a built-in shared interest, and common coursework means friends to study with and additional social events and activities in which to participate.

Find out more at the Living Learning Communities web page (www.uwec.edu/housing/programs).

CHANCELLORS HALL
Designed for upper class student living, Chancellors Hall is a five story, apartment-style hall with four single-person bedrooms in each apartment. Chancellors Hall provides many of the benefits of other on campus living options, but also features fully furnished, spacious 4-bedroom apartments, 9 month & 12 month contract options, the option to prepare your own meals or choose a meal plan, and is open during academic breaks.

Students can apply to live in Chancellors Hall on the Housing website (www.uwec.edu/housing) beginning November 1. Applications need to be submitted online no later than November 12 to be given priority consideration.

NAH, NONE OF THOSE SEEM RIGHT FOR ME...
I THINK I’M GOING TO MOVE OFF-CAMPUS.

LIVING OFF-CAMPUS
Don’t take this decision lightly. Moving off-campus can be a dramatic change. Is moving off-campus right for you? Are you prepared? Use this checklist to help you decide if you’re ready to make the leap...

☐ Can I afford it?
☐ Do I know who I want to live with?
☐ What type of place do I want?
☐ Am I willing to take on the extra responsibility?
☐ How will I get to campus? Walk? Bike? Drive? Bus?
☐ Am I familiar with city codes/ordinances and how they can affect me?

“Living on campus as a sophomore was definitely beneficial. As an upperclassman, you are able to choose your exact room, so you can plan to live on a floor with all your friends. It is a good way to test out living together, while still being in an environment where you are constantly meeting new people.”

-Maddy Bauer, UWEC Student
Who are you going to live with next year? This is a BIG decision and needs to be given careful consideration. There are legal, financial, and personal implications that affect people living together. A good friend may not make the best roommate if you are not on the same page about issues like noise, cleaning, and study habits.

THINGS TO CHAT ABOUT WITH POTENTIAL ROOMMATES BEFORE YOU SIGN A LEASE...

To avoid conflict and ensure that everyone is comfortable, discuss these topics and set expectations before committing to share a home.

ENVIRONMENT

● Will you have some sort of “quiet hours?” Where can you study?
● How clean will the house be? Can you leave dirty dishes in the sink? What is appropriate to leave or store in common areas? Will you make a cleaning schedule?
● What are housemates comfortable with in terms of smoking, drinking, and drugs? Can you smoke in the house? Will there be time limits, such as “no drinking on school nights?”

SHARING & FINANCES

● Will you share the cost for common items like garbage bags or paper towels?
● Will you share the cost of food or shop individually? Is it okay to eat/drink something that belongs to someone else?
● Is it okay to borrow personal goods without approval? What is off limits?
● How will you divide and pay for deposits and/or hook-up charges for each utility? Will you have cable television and Internet?
● What temperature will the house be set at during the winter months? Is everyone comfortable paying that rate for the energy bill?

LIFESTYLE

● How much privacy do I prefer? Is it okay to go into a roommate’s bedroom?
● Will the house have parties? During what times can friends come over? Is it okay to have guests stay over night? Where can guests sleep?
● What are you looking for in a roommate? A best friend, someone to do things with on the weekends, or just a roommate?

OTHER

● If you purchase furniture or appliances jointly, what will you do with them when you move out?
● Will there be pets in the residence? Are there pet allergies roommates need to know about?
● Is it okay to leave the door unlocked at anytime?
● Are there other house rules we should set up?

THERE’S NO RUSH!

Myths vs. Facts about renting

MYTH: All of the rentals will be gone if I don’t sign a lease in the fall.
FACT: There are many rentals in prime locations available year round...there is no rush to sign a lease!

MYTH: The first friends I make in college will make the best roommates.
FACT: While sometimes true, many students find that their friendships change from the time they sign the lease to the time they start living together.

MYTH: I have the next year of my life planned out and nothing is going to change.
FACT: Sometimes college life comes with many unplanned events. You may decide to study abroad or your friendships may change.

MYTH: I will pay the same price for my rental no matter what time of year I sign the lease.
FACT: Students who sign leases early may overpay. Later in the year, rents may fall and many units are still available.
WHERE TO LOOK FOR RENTALS

HOUSE DAY
House Day is a Student Senate event designed to help students make informed decisions about renting in Eau Claire. House Day provides an opportunity for students to meet face-to-face with prospective landlords before visiting properties, check rental listings, and access resources about becoming a renter. As many as 50 landlords and 700 students attend House Day each year.

Visit House Day for more information! (http://www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/eventsservices/houseday.htm)

STUDENT SENATE RENTER’S GUIDE
The Student Senate Renter’s Guide is an online resource to help students who are looking for a property to rent (with the help of previous renters advice). This new website will feature apartment listings and a rating system for students to rate the previous homes and apartments they have rented.

The Student Senate Renter’s Guide also allows students to post and look for roommates or subleasers.


USE LOCAL SOURCES TO FIND HOUSING
- Newspaper classified ads (Leader-Telegram)
- Local realtors
- Craigslist.com
- Bulletin boards in public locations

VIEWING A POTENTIAL RENTAL

When viewing a potential rental either online or in person, consider each of the following....

LOCATION
- How long does it take to travel to campus?
- Is it close to bus stops? For bus transit info see page 16.
- Can you walk/bike or do you need to drive to campus?
- If driving, how much will it cost to park your car? See page 17 for parking pass information.
- Are there other students nearby or is it mainly a single family neighborhood?
- Are there any amenities/stores nearby (e.g. pharmacy, grocery stores, restaurants, laundromat, or gas stations)?

SAFETY
- Would you feel comfortable living there, daytime and nighttime?
- Are all windows in good condition and lockable?
- Are there any smoke/carbon monoxide detectors?
- If the apartment has a security system, is it working?
- Is there more than one fire exit from the unit?
- Is the entrance well lit? Is your view blocked by shrubs?
- Who has access to the house key, and when were the locks last changed?

RESPONSIBILITIES
- Is there a snow shoveling service provided, or will you be responsible for shoveling snow?
- Is there a lawn service, or will you be mowing the lawn?
- Who is responsible for maintenance, or will you be fixing everything?
- Has the unit been cited for a code violation recently? Check with the Eau Claire Health Department (see page 10 for details).

QUALITY OF THE EXTERIOR FACILITIES
- What type of parking is available? e.g. garage/off street?
- Is the parking sufficient (one space per car)? Visitor Parking?
- Is the parking area well-lit?
QUALITY OF THE INTERIOR FACILITIES
- Is the unit furnished? What is included?
- Are laundry facilities provided?
- Are appliances (e.g. fridge/stove) in working order?
- Will moving in and out be difficult because of stairs?
- Will your furniture fit through the front door?
- Is there any evidence of pests?
- Are the ceilings and walls in good repair?
- Is the carpet/floor reasonably clean?
- Is the plumbing adequate - check taps and toilets?
- Is there a good supply of hot water? Ask current tenants.
- Are there sufficient electrical outlets?
- Are there adequate telephone and/or cable jacks?
- How old is the unit?
- If looking at renting an apartment, can you hear the people above or below you?
- Is there enough storage space?

LEASE AGREEMENTS
- What is the minimum and maximum length of the lease?
- Is the amount of security deposit written on the lease?
- Is subletting allowed? If yes, who is responsible?
- Are there monetary penalties for code violations?

COST
- How much is the rent?
- When is the rent due?
- How does the landlord require rent to be paid? Separately by each tenant or all on one check?
- What is included in the rent (e.g. trash, water)?
- Who is responsible for paying utilities hookup fee?
- What is NOT included in the rent?
- What are the late fees if rent is not paid on time?

MAINTENANCE
- How are maintenance requests handled? On average, how long will requests take?
- How are emergencies handled? Who do I call?
- When can the landlord enter my property?

CHECKLIST!

- Turn on each light switch to see if it works
- Check each outlet (use small appliances i.e. hairdryer)
- Turn on sink and bathtub faucets, check for leaks or slow or plugged drains
- Flush toilet, check for leaks
- Look for smoke detectors
- Check ceiling and walls for cracks and water stains
- Check lock assemblies on doors
- Check locks on windows
- Inspect furnace and air conditioner. Are they well maintained?
- Check hot water—is it the proper temperature?
- Check for exit lights
- Is the exterior of the building well-lit and maintained?
You've done all the hard work! You found the perfect roommate(s), you know which rental is best for your wants and needs, and now you’re ready to make it official! Unfortunately, there is a little more work to be done.

THIS IS PROBABLY YOUR FIRST TIME SIGNING A LEASE, SO HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU’LL NEED TO KNOW.

What is a lease?
A lease is a legal document outlining the terms under which one party agrees to rent property from another. A lease guarantees the renter use of a property and guarantees the property owner regular payments from the renter for a specified length of time. The lease defines rental terms, rules, and expectations. Both the renter and the property owner must uphold the terms of the contract for the lease to remain valid. Read your lease carefully before signing.

When do leases normally run?
In Eau Claire, most student rentals are a 1-year lease beginning in June. However, if you need a little more flexibility there are 6-month and monthly leases out there.

Will I need to co-sign my lease?
Because most college students simply don’t earn enough money or have enough credit history, some landlords may require you to co-sign with your parent or guardian. If your parent co-signs, the parent’s name will appear on the rental agreement. The landlord will expect your parent to cover the rent and any other charges if you cannot meet the lease obligations. As a cosigner for an apartment rental, you’ll be expected to fill out a rental application, undergo a credit check and, depending on the arrangement, provide proof of employment and financial history. Typically, the cosigner pays an application and/or credit check fee as well.

Reading your lease!
When it comes to signing a new lease for an apartment it is very important that you take the time to read the fine print very carefully. By just skimming over your lease and not reading the print carefully you may set yourself up for problems down the road. By reading your lease completely, you will also be 100% sure on what is included in your lease, when you pay rent, and when your lease is up.

F.Y.I. Joint and Several Liability
Under joint and several liabilities, if one roommate moves out, the remaining roommates are responsible for that person’s share of the rent and damages. Tenants are responsible for rent until the lease has expired, or in most cases, until the premises are re-rented.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU SIGN YOUR LEASE

- Call the local Health Department and check if there are any uncorrected complaints against the property.
- If the apartment has gas heat and/or a gas stove, make sure it has a Carbon Monoxide Detector.
- Read any and all lease paperwork and make sure all your questions are answered before you sign anything.
- Don’t hesitate to negotiate lease terms such as rent amounts, lease duration, and allowing pets. Most property managers/landlords can and will make deals with their tenants.
NEED INEXPENSIVE LEGAL ADVICE?
Attorney Harry Hertel comes to the UW-Eau Claire campus once a week to help students. He can help students on a very broad range of common student legal needs including traffic issues, small claims, personal injury, landlord issues, alcohol issues, and employer/employee disputes.

A $10.00 first-time fee is charged, with a $5.00 fee for each subsequent appointment concerning the same subject manner. Appointments must be made in person at the Student Senate Office, Davies 220 in advance. Please remember to bring your Blugold card.

TERMINATING YOUR LEASE EARLY

- A voluntary early termination of a lease can occur at any time if the landlord and tenant mutually agree to it.
- Tenants are legally responsible for rent until the premises are re-rented or the lease has expired.
- The tenant may be liable for the landlord’s reasonable costs of re-renting depending on the terms of the lease.
- It is strongly recommended that you seek legal advice before pursuing an early termination of your lease.
- Visit Student Senate Legal Services for legal advice (http://www.uwec.edu/studentsenate/eventsservices/legal.htm).

SUBLETTING

If you absolutely must get out of your lease agreement early, subletting is one of your best options. When you sublet your place, a third party known as a subtenant takes over your lease. It is important to remember that you will be in charge of finding this subtenant. In addition, subletting does not release you from the responsibilities of your lease if the subtenant fails to fulfill their obligations. Follow these steps for successful subletting.

1. Check with your landlord to make sure subletting is an option.
2. Discuss the idea of subletting with your roommates. It is possible to sublease just part of the lease but it is important that your roommates agree to it. Find out what requirements they have for your future replacement.
3. Make a sublet posting on the Student Senate Renter’s Guide (see page 6).
4. Interview potential candidates keeping in mind that you will be responsible for the rent due if the subtenant you choose fails to uphold their end of the agreement.
5. You and your subtenant must fill out a sublease agreement that states the terms of the sublease. For an example of a sublease agreement see Appendix III on page 33.
6. Before your subtenant moves in, have your landlord do a walkthrough of your home so that your subtenant, and not you, will be held responsible for any damages that occur after you leave.
While it is important for you to be a good tenant, it is just as important for your landlord to fulfill their obligations as a property owner. The following are the minimum habitability requirements that MUST be met for any property in Eau Claire.

- Units must be clean and sanitary prior to moving in.
- Inspection of a unit can be performed with 12 hours notice prior to entering the unit.
- Any corrections deemed necessary through inspection must be completed within 30 days.
- A working kitchen sink and sanitary sewer system is required.
- Bathrooms must have a working flush water closet, a lavatory basin and a bathtub or shower.
- Ground level units must have 2 door exits as a means of escape in an emergency.
- Windows, skylights, exterior doors, and basement hatchways shall be reasonably weather tight, watertight, secure, and rodent proof.
- Landlords/owners are responsible for insect/rodent extermination.
- Landlords/owners are responsible for cleaning of public/shared areas.
- Every bedroom must have at least one window or door that opens to the outdoors.
- Every bathroom must have a window that opens or an exhaust fan.

Moving into your new place can be an exciting and stressful time. Between arranging furniture, getting all the utilities hooked up, and battling it out with your roommates for the best room, there is a lot to consider. Here is some helpful information to make the process easier.

- All plumbing fixtures must be maintained in a safe, sanitary and functional condition, free from obstructions, leaks, and defects.
- Units must have hot running water.
- Units must have permanent heating that can maintain 70° F.
- Smoke alarms must be installed in any building occupied for sleeping purposes.

**LANDLORD MUST DISCLOSE**

- Housing code violations they have been notified of but have not corrected.
- Structural defects, a lack of hot or cold running water, serious plumbing, or electrical problems, and other hazards.
- How the utility charges will be divided if the apartment complex is one of several not individually metered.
- A landlord has the right to inspect, repair, and show the premises at reasonable times. Except for emergency situations, the landlord may only enter after a 12-hour advance notice unless you allow entry on shorter notice.

**WHAT TO KNOW WHEN RENTING**

At the start of a tenancy, the landlord must provide you with the name and address of a person who can be readily contacted regarding problems.

Your landlord is responsible for making any repairs that are necessary to comply with local housing codes and to keep the premises safe. If the landlord refuses to repair major building defects, you may report the defect to your local building or health inspector. The landlord may not retaliate by evicting you.

If you are a tenant renting by the month, the landlord may raise your rent by giving you written notice at least 28 days before the next rent due date. There are no state laws limiting the amount of a rent increase. However, if you have a lease the rent may not be increased during that time unless specifically stated in the lease.

**IF A PROBLEM DEVELOPS**

If you need help addressing an issue with your apartment there are agencies that can help.

To file a complaint, contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection (715.839.3849, http://datcp.state.wi.us) or the Eau Claire City-County Health Department (715.839.4718).
CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS

Changing your address is a relatively simple process and should be one of the first steps you take when moving into your new place. We recommend doing it online through the U.S. Postal Services’ website: (usps.com/movers-guide/), but you can also pick up a form at the post office and submit it to them directly or print one off and mail it.

NOTE: If you choose to fill out the form online, you will be required to provide a valid e-mail address and credit card number for security and verification purposes.

VOTER REGISTRATION

College students have choices for where they vote, but establishing the required 28 days of consecutive residency may be a bit tricky. Wisconsin State law acknowledges that college students may move frequently, and provides special exceptions for them.

If any of the following statements describe you, you need to register to vote before you can cast a ballot:

☐ I have never registered to vote in Wisconsin.
☐ My address has changed since the last time I voted.
☐ My legal name has changed since the last time I voted.

To register to vote in Wisconsin, you will need to complete an Application for Voter Registration (GAB-131) and show proof of residence. You can obtain proof of residence by going to MyBlugoldCampS, Self Service, Student Center, Academics drop down, Voter Verification. Make sure your address is updated in MyBlugoldCampS.

To check your voter registration status and determine your voting district and ward, visit My Vote Wisconsin https://myvote.wi.gov.

VOTING

In even numbered years, elections are held the second Tuesday in August and the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Every year, elections are held the third Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday in April.

Voting locations in Eau Claire are listed below.

For a complete Student Voting Guide visit http://web.uwsa.edu/voting.

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WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

ESTABLISH YOUR WARD

Ward 3 (Third Ward area)
Wards 2, 5, 6 (Randall Park/Courthouse area)
Wards 17, 21 (Imperial Circle area)
Wards 20, 24 (Campus residence halls)
Wards 31, 32 (Downtown and East Hill area)

For a complete list of wards and polling places visit: http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/administration-services/elections/where-do-i-vote-

For a complete Student Voting Guide visit: http://web.uwsa.edu/voting
RENTER’S INSURANCE

Another thing to consider when moving into your new apartment is purchasing renter’s insurance. Renter’s insurance protects your belongings from damage or theft. More importantly, it protects you from having to pay thousands of dollars if you accidentally cause damage to the property, such as in the case of fire or water damage.

BEFORE YOU START MAKING CALLS

- Check with your parents to see if you are covered under their homeowner’s insurance and if so, to what age.
- If you pay for car insurance, you may want to check in with that company to see if they will provide renter’s insurance at a discounted rate.
- Complete an assessment of your property and determine approximately how much money it would cost to replace your belongings. You will need to decide which items you want to have fully covered i.e. jewelry or collectibles.

WHEN CALLING COMPANIES, BE READY WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

- Your name, phone number, and property address.
- The names of everyone who lives at the property and how long they have lived at the residence.
- Prior addresses and employment history.
- Any insurance claim history you have including details such as dates, type of loss, and the extent of damages.
- Some companies may ask information about your residence, including material or square footage.

TERMS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH

**Deductible:**
Most policies have a deductible. This is a specific amount of money deducted from every claim you file. When getting your quotes make sure to inquire about deductible amounts because they can range anywhere from $50-$250. Also, the deductible may vary depending on whether the item is lost, stolen, or damaged. All of this should be taken into consideration when making your final decision.

**Liability:**
Liability coverage can range from $100,000 to $300,000. In most cases, more coverage is better. Check to see if your policy will cover your attorney costs in a civil suit, and/or medical damages for you and others.

**Minimum Coverage:**
Some policies won’t cover your property for less than a specific amount. Usually the minimum range is between $8,000 and $10,000.

VARIABLES IMPACTING RATES

- If you live in or outside city limits.
- If the structure is frame or brick, how much theft and fire protection the home has (e.g., dead bolts, smoke detectors, etc.)
- If you live in a complex with four or more units.
- How much property and liability coverage you want or need. Policies can be fitted to your specific needs.
- If you have other policies with the company (e.g., auto insurance).

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**EAU CLAIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES**

**State Farm Insurance**
216 Pinnacle Way
Eau Claire, WI
715.833.3800

**All State Insurance**
130 S Barstow
Eau Claire, WI
1-800-255-7828

**Country Financial**
1101 W Clairemont Ave.
Eau Claire, WI
715-838-0878

**American Family Insurance**
1241 Menomine Street, Site A
Eau Claire, WI
1-800-692-6326

**AREA Insurance**
2207 Walnut Ridge Drive
Eau Claire, WI
715-835-4208

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**TIP:** Be sure to get quotes from several companies!
This may be your first time connecting utilities and perhaps you’re not sure which company to call, or how far in advance you need to make arrangements.

NO PROBLEM - here is a quick guide to utilities in Eau Claire.

### Cable/Internet/Phone
- **Charter Communications**
  - Phone: 1-877-906-9121
  - Website: [www.charter.com](http://www.charter.com)
- **Direct TV**
  - Phone: 1-855-802-3473
  - Website: [www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)
- **DISH Network**
  - Phone: 1-888-926-5457
  - Website: [www.dish.com](http://www.dish.com)

### Electricity/Gas
- **Excel Energy**
  - Phone: 1-800-895-4999
  - Website: [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com)

### Water/Sewer
- **Utility Billing**
  - Phone: (715) 839-4954
  - Website: [www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/administration-services/finance/new-pay-a-bill-online](http://www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/administration-services/finance/new-pay-a-bill-online)

### Garbage/Recycling Carriers
- **BOXX Sanitation**
  - Phone: (715) 514-2995
  - Website: [www.boxxsanitation.com](http://www.boxxsanitation.com)
- **Waste Management**
  - Phone: (713) 512-6200
  - Website: [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)
- **Advanced Disposal**
  - Phone: (715) 839-9553
  - Website: [www.advanceddisposal.com](http://www.advanceddisposal.com)
- **ProVyro Waste Services**
  - Phone: (715) 513-6686
  - Website: [www.provyro.com](http://www.provyro.com)

### Garbage & Recycling Services
Be sure to check with your landlord or read your lease agreement to know whether or not garbage and recycling services are included in your lease. If garbage and recycling services are not included, see the list of carriers you can contact to set-up your services in the box to the left.

- Your landlord is responsible for providing and maintaining containers for apartment complexes with more than four apartments per building. In all other cases, it is the renter’s responsibility to set-up garbage and recycling services unless it is included in the lease agreement.
- It is your responsibility to dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing it in required garbage containers each week.
- Curbside collection of garbage and recycling must meet these conditions:
  1. Use only the approved containers provided by your garbage service.
  2. All garbage/recycling is within the approved container.
  3. Containers are placed at curbside no earlier than 5 p.m. on the day prior to collection and removed the day of collection.
- For the disposal of yard waste, contact the Eau Claire County website pertaining to brush disposal and the yard waste disposal directory.
- Burning of garbage or trash is prohibited.

### Oofta! Where’s All My Money?
Paying for utilities can add tension to an already tight budget. But never fear...$core is here!

**$core**
The $core program provides UW-Eau Claire student renters with information about energy conservation while also providing free conservation materials that improve home efficiency and save students money!

- CFL Lighting, weatherization materials, and low flow showerheads help student renters reduce energy costs.
- By reducing resident’s carbon footprints and lowering their costs of living by improving efficiencies, the $core program creates a more sustainable Eau Claire.

SIGN UP FOR $CORE! [www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/commissions/sos/score.htm](http://www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/commissions/sos/score.htm)

### Did You Know?
Garbage and recyclable containers may be placed on the boulevard the night before scheduled pickup, but must be removed within 24 hours after pickup.
MANAGING A BUDGET

You will need money for utilities, transportation, food, furniture...etc. So, it is always a good idea to plan a budget ahead of time. If your income and expenses do not balance here are some suggestions about how to improve your budget:

- Increase your income. Obtain a part-time job, financial aid, or a loan.

- Decrease your expenses. You can try to cut fixed expenses by seeking less expensive housing and/or sharing housing with others. You may find that it’s easier to cut variable expenses like entertainment (cable services), credit-card purchases, or food.

- Change schedule for paying bills. There may be a better way to divide payments or spread them over the coming months. Check to see if you can adjust your payment schedule.

- Watch your daily spending. Carry only as much money as you need each day. Extra cash in your pocket is often a temptation to spend.

**TIP:** When planning your budget don’t forget to take into account times during the year when your spending might be higher, such as for air conditioning in the summer, heat in the winter, and presents during the holiday season.

CREDIT CARDS

The decision to get a credit card should not be taken lightly. If used responsibly it can be a great way to establish good credit which will be important when applying for loans, buying cars, or purchasing a home, but when a credit card is abused it can result in low credit scores and overspending. Credit cards can also present a security risk if you lose your wallet or if you become the victim of identity fraud.

**HERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN MAKING THIS IMPORTANT DECISION.**

- Not all credit cards are equal!
- For college students, specially designed student cards exist.
- Some cards charge an annual fee which can range from $35-$50.
- Some credit cards will have an APR (Annual Percentage Rate). This is the interest rate you will be required to pay for your purchases. When looking at rates, remember that the higher the rate, the more you will have to pay if you aren’t able to pay off your bill in full each month.

- Many cards offer an introductory rate with a lower APR, but keep in mind that this isn’t permanent. Make sure you know what interest fees you will be paying once the introductory period has passed.

- Some credit card companies charge extra if you want to pay your bill online or by phone.

- Some (but not all) credit card companies offer a grace period in which you have 20-30 days to pay your bill if you get behind.

- If you fail to make a payment on time or at the very least, within the grace period, it will negatively affect your credit score. This is called a penalty rate.

- Some credit card companies will raise your interest rate for a completely unrelated loan or credit card if you are late on a payment. This is called “Universal Default.”

**If you decide to get a credit card....BE SMART ABOUT IT!**

- Don’t over spend! Charge only what you can afford to pay off each month. In addition to paying the money back at a later date you will also have to pay off the accrued interest, which is not cheap!

- Only carry one card at a time. Credit cards are a great tool to build up credit and a good thing to have around in case of emergencies but filling your wallet with them will only result in over spending and confusion when paying bills.

- Never charge recreational and entertainment activities unless you are able to pay them off in full each month. If you can’t afford it, don’t do it!

- Make sure not to exceed your credit limit. Every card has its limit and if you go over there could be additional fees.

- At the end of the month pay off as much of the bill as you possibly can. Any part of your bill that rolls over will result in interest fees and those can really add up!

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Before moving off-campus, you should know how much it will cost. Students living off-campus for the first time often report that they were not prepared for the expenses they incurred. Paying your bills on time requires both planning and money.
Now that you no longer have to eat dining hall meals, you need to start thinking about your options. Here’s the thing! Grocery shopping doesn’t have to be so difficult, and you can definitely eat healthy throughout college and not feel limited by Ramen noodles, frozen pizza, or pop tarts.

**GROCERY SHOPPING TIPS!**

1. Set a budget before you go shopping.
2. Make a shopping list before you go to the grocery store...and STICK TO IT!
3. Try not to go to the grocery store while hungry.
4. Ignore the snacks at the check-out counter.
5. Don’t buy the specials you didn’t plan on purchasing in the first place.
6. Save your receipts and track your expenditures.
7. Make sure prices are accurate at the check-out counter.
8. Clip coupons if you have time; otherwise, skip it.
10. Avoid fun-size packages, pre-chopped vegetables/fruit, pre-seasoned meats, etc.
11. Don’t limit yourself to only certain brands.
12. Eat the seasons. In other words, shop by season.

**EAU CLAIRE GROCERY STORES**

**Gordy’s County Market (3 Locations)**
- 2717 Birch Street
- 1031 W Clairemont Ave
- 3310 E Hamilton Ave

**Mega Foods (2 Locations)**
- 1201 S Hastings Way
- 2615 N Clairemont Ave.

**Festival Foods**
- 3007 Mall Drive

**Target**
- 3649 S Hastings Way

**Walmart**
- 3915 Gateway Drive

**Just Local Foods**
- 1117 S Farwell Street

**Downtown Farmer’s Market**
(May-October)
- 300 Riverfront Terrace (Phoenix Park)
CITY BUS TRANSIT SYSTEM

**The Eau Claire Transit buses are FREE to UW-Eau Claire students with a current ID.** Student neighborhoods near Water Street, the housing areas off Clairemont Avenue near upper campus, and virtually all areas of town can be accessed on the bus route system.

**See the Eau Claire Transit site for schedules and maps.** There are also video links available for helping using the transit system. Visit [http://www.eauclairewi.gov/departments/transit](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/departments/transit) for more information!

**Students commonly use ROUTE 9.** Here is a list of stops on that route.

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**Hours of Operation:**
Monday-Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

* Bus Schedule routes only operate during the Fall and Spring semesters.
* Buses do not operate on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**TAXI SERVICES**

In addition to the Eau Claire Transit, taxicabs are readily available in town, as well as a late-night shuttle bus available for safe rides.

**Door-to-Door Taxi:** 715-225-1754  
**Pope’s Cab Service:** 715-835-6220  
**Town and Country:** 715-563-7272  
**Right Way Shuttle (Blue Bus):** 715-210-0478
BICYCLES, MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES

Many students living off-campus commute to and from the university on bikes. There are 13 miles of bike trails within the city of Eau Claire, as well as county trails, which offer unique access to the beautiful landscape surrounding the town.

On-Campus

To ensure the safety of pedestrians and riders the UWEC has developed rules and regulations for the proper parking of bicycles, mopeds, and motorcycles.

Bicycles:
- Bicycles may only park in designated areas located around campus. To prevent theft, please lock up your bicycle.
- Permits are not required.
- Parking in non-designated areas (railings, sign posts, buildings, trees, etc.) will result in a $5 ticket and a Parking Office lock on the bicycle.
- Bicycles left locked for seven days will be impounded.
- Locks will only be released by parking personnel (SSS 106) during regular office hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mopeds:
- Permits are required and available for purchase all year long. Mopeds must be walked on sidewalks and parked in the designated moped pads located in the following areas:
  - Sutherland Hall
  - East end of Chancellors Hall
  - Southeast end of Phillips Hall
  - North side of Putnam Hall
  - Southeast end of Governors
  - Towers South
  - McPhee
  - Hibbard Hall
  - Schneider
  - Schofield
  - Hass Fine Arts
  - HSS

PARKING

If you plan to drive to campus, permits can be purchased from the Parking and Transportation Services Office in Schneider Hall, room 106. A Blugold ID is required. Payment may be made by check, cash, Blugold card, Visa, Mastercard or Discover. A permit will not be sold until all tickets are paid.

(S) Off-campus student permit

Students who live off campus and intend to drive and park at the university must purchase a parking permit.

Lots

Designated S spaces in the Phillips, Water Street and McPhee lots. If S spaces in these lots are full, parking is allowed in upper campus R spaces Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.- 9 p.m.

Enforcement

Student (S) permits are valid through the entire academic year (August to August) and enforced Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Water Street and Phillips lot and from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the McPhee lot.

THINK TWICE!

While driving to school may be necessary for some off-campus students, really think if you absolutely need to drive to campus everyday. Finding parking can be difficult and a parking permit for the academic year can be expensive. Consider carpooling with roommates or only driving to campus in the evening when you can park in lots without a permit.

Calendar Parking:
November 1st to May 1st
Midnight to 7 a.m.

On odd numbered days (the date after midnight) you may park only on the side of the street with odd numbered addresses. On even numbered days, park on the even side of the street.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. 24-hour parking limits are enforced on all city streets.
2. Crosswalks and sidewalks must be unobstructed by vehicles.
3. Parking is prohibited on lawns, boulevards, etc.
SAFETY

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It is always better to be safe than sorry. Read on to identify strategies to protect yourself and your property.

WHEN YOU ARE AT YOUR HOUSE/APARTMENT

- Lock your doors and windows, even when you are inside your home or just stepping out for a short while. It takes a thief ten seconds or less to enter an open room and steal your property.
- Keep emergency numbers on your phone.
- Do not leave messages on your door indicating that you are away and when you will return (including your schedule). If someone asks to use your phone for an emergency call, offer to make the call for them instead of allowing them access to your home.
- Do not put your address on your key ring.
- Know your neighbors.
- Do not leave keys in hiding places. Thieves will find them.

WHEN YOU ARE AWAY FOR BREAKS

- Thieves know the college schedule, so make your place look lived in.
- Tell your neighbors that you’ll be out of town and ask them to keep an eye on your apartment.
- Keep all windows and doors closed and locked.
- Store electronic equipment and small valuables (jewelry) in a safe place. Don’t leave valuable items where they can be viewed from outside your home.
- Remove potential burglary aids from outside your home (ladders, patio chairs, loose bricks, etc.).
- Cancel your newspaper so it doesn’t pile up outside of your house.
- Contact the police as soon as possible.
- Don’t enter the house if you are unsure someone may still be inside.
- Don’t disturb surfaces that may contain evidence.
- Contact roommates and inform them of incident.
- Be able to provide serial numbers or complete descriptions for stolen items.

WHEN YOU ARE WALKING

- Avoid walking alone at night.
- Change your routines.
- Keep to well-lit commonly traveled routes.
- Avoid shortcuts and dark, isolated areas.
- Walk purposefully, know where you are going, and project a confident image.
- If you feel threatened, cross the street, locate an emergency phone, or enter a place of business even if you have just left.
- Have your door keys ready; carry them in your pockets, not buried in a purse or backpack.
- When walking to your car, don’t hit the unlock button until you are in close proximity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency: 9-1-1
Eau Claire Police Department
Non-Emergency: 715-839-4972

Eau Claire Fire Department
Non-Emergency: 715-839-5012
FIRE SAFETY

FIRE PREVENTION

• A landlord/owner is required to install a functional smoke detector in the basement of the house or apartment and on each floor level except the attic or storage area.
• Test smoke detector batteries at least once a month and install new ones at least once a semester. DO NOT remove batteries from smoke detectors to prevent false alarms.
• Make an escape plan in case of emergencies and if possible practice it at least once. Know at least two ways out of every room.
• Check to see if collapsible escape ladders for upper floor windows are necessary and know how to use them.
• Don’t overload outlets.
• Don’t leave lit candles or incense unattended. Make sure candles aren’t in the vicinity of anything flammable including drapes, posters, or fabrics.
• Don’t leave food unattended on the stove or in the microwave and make sure all burners are turned off before leaving the house. Keep a fire extinguisher near the kitchen.
• Make sure cigarettes are fully extinguished, and when smoking, use a sturdy, non-tipping ashtray. Don’t smoke in bed!
• Be careful with space heaters and keep flammable items at least 3 feet away from water heaters, heaters, furnaces and fireplaces. (That includes furniture!)

• Make sure the wattage in light bulbs matches the correct wattage for the fixtures.
• Clean the lint trap of your clothes dryer regularly.
• It is your landlord’s responsibility to keep electrical wiring up to date and in good condition. It should be replaced if it is frayed or cracked.

IN CASE OF FIRE

• Never ignore a fire alarm. Leave at once and close all doors behind you on your way out.
• Once you are out of harm’s way call 911 immediately.
• Use the stairs. Do not take the elevator.
• Test every door for heat. If a door feels hot or you see smoke seeping out DO NOT OPEN IT.
• Crawl low in smoke.
• If possible, cover your mouth with a cloth to avoid inhaling smoke and gases. Many people who die in fires die from smoke inhalation, not from the flames.
• Don’t go back in, not matter what!
• If a fire starts while cooking, put a lid over the burning pan or use the fire extinguisher. Never pour water on grease fires.
• If you are trapped in your home DON’T PANIC! Close your door and seal off any cracks with wet towels. As soon as you are able, call the fire department and give your name, address, and location in the building or house. If possible open a window for air and signal for help. DON’T JUMP! Wait for help to arrive.

STUDENT LIVING HANDBOOK | 19
While Eau Claire prides itself on providing positive renting experiences for its off-campus students, sometimes problems do arise. Here are some resources to help you if you have the landlord blues.

Sometimes living off-campus comes with its issues. UW-Eau Claire Off-Campus Life is here to help. If you find yourself with concerns similar to these common student complaints, then here are steps to help you!

### COMMON RENTAL COMPLAINTS BY UWEC STUDENTS
- Mold growing on walls or ceiling
- The furnace or water heater is not functioning
- There is no egress window in a bedroom
- There is a bat, mice, or insect infestation
- The furnace filters aren’t being replaced
- Water leaks anywhere in the plumbing system
- Appliances are not maintained in good working order
- Slip and fall hazards are present with no handrails on stairs
- Dryer vents are other fresh air vents are blocked or broken

### BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
- Eau Claire: (715) 839-3848
- Email: datcphotline@datcp.state.wi.us
- Website: http://datcp.state.wi.us

### EAU CLAIRE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- 720 Second Ave
- Eau Claire, WI 54703
- (715) 839-4718

### UW-EAU CLAIRE OFF-CAMPUS LIFE
- Email: offcampuslife@uwec.edu
- Visit: Schofield 26

**Q: I have a health, safety, or general concern with my rental. What do I do now?**

**A:** Contact your landlord. We always encourage students to go to their landlord first with any issue. In most cases landlords will resolve the issue themselves.

**Q:** What do I do if a problem has developed between me and my landlord?

**A:** Contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection (see above.) Information and assistance may be available from various local groups and agencies.

**Q:** I’ve contacted my landlord about a health or safety concern but he/she is unresponsive. Help!

**A:** If your landlord is unresponsive or if this is a health and safety concern the Eau Claire City-County Health Department can help. See information above.

**Q:** I think I might need legal representation. Who can I contact?

**A:** If you feel you may need legal representation make an appointment with Harry Hertel the on-campus lawyer. Visit Davies Center 220 to make an appointment. Be sure to bring your student ID.

**Q:** What on-campus resources are available to me?

**A:** UW-Eau Claire Off-Campus Life is a new program on campus aimed to assist students who are living off-campus. Feel free to stop by or email with any questions or concerns. See contact information above.
PARTIES

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So you’ve decided to have a party… Read on for ideas for how to keep your neighbors happy, and to stay safe and out of trouble.

BEFORE THE PARTY

AGREE WITH ROOMMATES/HOUSEMATES ABOUT “HOUSE RULES”

- Determine party size, party hours, whether alcohol will be served, music volume, clean-up, etc.

PICK A RESPONSIBLE HOST FOR THE PARTY

- The sober host should turn away uninvited or underage guests, monitor house rules, talk with the police should they show up, and watch for drunk drivers.

SPEAK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

- Inform your neighbors well in advance of the upcoming party and provide them with the contact information of the sober host. If you tell them you will be done by a certain time, be sure to stick to it!

DURING THE PARTY

MONITOR FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Noise level, size of party, familiarity of guests, street parking, sobriety levels, etc.
- Behavior of guests leaving party (noise level, littering on neighbors’ yards, public urination, etc.) Neighbors typically report that it’s the behavior of people “coming and going” to the party that they find most disruptive, not the party itself.

TAKE ACTION

- If the party gets beyond your control, call the police non-emergency number 715-839-4972. If you call the police to help shut down your party before neighbors call with noise complaints, you are less likely to receive a ticket.
- Let the sober host talk to the police. Don’t get in the way; you could end up being charged with obstruction and/or resisting arrest.
- Cooperate with police, neighbors, and others who come to discuss problems they have with the party. This may prevent multiple citations.

AFTER THE PARTY

CLEAN UP/DAMAGE CONTROL

- Make sure your yard/your neighbors’ yards are clear of any trash, cups, etc.
- Check in with your neighbors to determine if they experienced any problems.

DID YOU KNOW?

NOISE/ PARTIES

Many students often celebrate on the weekends after a long week at work and school. When entertaining guests, a few things should be remembered:

1. City ordinance prohibits “any noise tending to unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of the persons in the vicinity thereof.” Therefore, there are no time restrictions in the ordinance.
2. The occupant/owner of a residence is responsible for any violations taking place upon the premises.
3. The landlord/owner can also be held responsible for violations occurring on the property. Landlords/owners are promptly notified of problems occurring on their property.
4. There may be times that the occupant(s) decides not to cooperate with police or speak with the police when a violation occurs. Enforcement action would then be taken at a future time, and could involve action taken with all occupants of the particular residence (even those not present during the time of violation.)

ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

1. Open containers of any alcoholic beverage are prohibited on any public street, sidewalk, alley, or boulevard, including within a vehicle.
2. No person under 21 may enter a tavern unless accompanied by a parent/guardian.
3. No person may possess an identification card which does not accurately portray the identity of that person.
4. Residents are responsible for the actions of their guests, including any underage persons who consume alcohol at your residence.
THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF NEIGHBORHOOD CONFLICTS
- Noise and nuisance complaints, i.e. parties, vehicles, etc.
- Improper disposal of garbage/recycling
- Snow removal
- Parking problems
- Over-occupancy concerns
- Animal disturbances
- Property maintenance/upkeep (or lack thereof)

HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

**Introduce yourself, meet your neighbors:** If your neighbor knows your name, major, where you are from, etc., they will start to see you as the unique individual that you are...and not “just another student.”

**Keep your neighbors informed:** Contact your neighbors before undertaking something that might affect them like hosting a party, building a fence, or getting a dog.

**Be considerate and aware of neighborhood expectations:** Know local laws and general expectations of the neighborhood.

**Party responsibly:** Talk with your neighbors before you throw a party. Give them your phone number so they can contact you first if they think the party is getting out of control.

**Be aware of differences:** Age, faith, ethnic background, and family status can drastically affect how one goes about their daily life.

**Handle problems politely:** If your neighbors do something that bothers you, let them know as soon as possible. If you think your neighbors make unreasonable complaints or don’t like you, keep in mind that your neighbors may have suffered from problems with a previous renter. Be patient and polite.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Neighborhoods are the basic building blocks of the community, and their health and vitality are essential to the future of Eau Claire. A neighborhood association is a voluntary organization of residents and other stakeholders who work together to improve and maintain the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

To learn how you can get involved in your neighborhood contact one of these neighborhood association presidents!

**HISTORIC RANDALL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD**
Helene Smiar--hsmiar@gmail.com

**THIRD WARD NEIGHBORHOOD**
Aaron Brewster--brewstaj@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

**STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**
1. Yards must be mowed. Lawns must not exceed 7” in height, including the boulevard.
2. Skateboards, roller skates, or similar equipment are unlawful to be used on any city street, sidewalk within business district, public parking ramp/lot, and private property without permission from owner.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Involvement in campus organizations is an important part of the college experience, and it’s never too late to join! Participation can broaden acquaintances, develop leadership ability, build decision-making and problem-solving skills, and complement classroom instruction. Located in Davies Center 220, the Student Organizations and Leadership Center is home to the more than 250 student organizations at UW-Eau Claire.

Visit www.uwec.orgsync.com for a complete list of student organizations and information about how to get involved!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The Activities, Involvement and Leadership office of University Centers coordinates student leadership initiatives and recognition programs, volunteer services, special events, and student involvement opportunities throughout the year. These opportunities include the following:

- Artists Series
- Blugold Organizations Bash
- Campus Films
- Community Action and Lifelong Learning
- The Forum
- International Film Society
- Summer Events

For descriptions of these programs and events and how to get involved visit: http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/programs/index.htm

THINGS TO DO ON CAMPUS

Bored? Want to try something new? Don’t know what to do on a Friday night?

Visit www.uwec.edu/thingstodo.htm for a list of activities!

“Staying connected to campus, while living off-campus, is important to obtaining full enrichment of your college experience. By participating in sports, working on-campus, or being in a club, you’re able to contribute to a mini community that is unlike any in the “real world.” I’m lucky to say that by staying connected, I’ve contributed to that very community...it’s beautiful.”

-Mary Frassetto, UWEC Student
You’re new to the city... go explore it! There are many ways to get involved not only on campus but also in the Eau Claire community.

**GETTING INVOLVED IN THE E.C. COMMUNITY**

### ENTERTAINMENT

**Visit Eau Claire**

Eau Claire is a community rich in arts and culture. Discover all the great things to do, restaurants, hotels, and shops in Eau Claire at http://www.visiteauclaire.com. Enjoy the outdoors, nature, the music and art scene, and history in Eau Claire.

**Volume One**

Need to get out on the town and try something new? Visit www.volumeone.org/events/calendar for a list of events happening daily in the Chippewa Valley!

**Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. (DECI)**

Downtown Eau Claire is about camaraderie and discovery, with its own unique dynamic. With four business districts alongside the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers, Downtown Eau Claire offers the arts, biking, culture, dining, entertainment, parks, a farmers market, music and shopping. Visit http://www.downtowneauclaire.org.

**L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library**

Visit http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/community.html for a complete list of events and things to do in Eau Claire.

### VOLUNTEER & CONNECT

**City of Eau Claire Volunteer Connection**

Eau Claire offers citizens a “one-stop” connection to volunteer service opportunities affiliated with the City of Eau Claire. The City of Eau Claire Volunteer Connection lists opportunities to help with projects in Downtown Eau Claire, the public library, city parks, and more! Many of these opportunities are within walking distance of campus. Check it out and get connected to the City of Eau Claire.

Visit www.eauclairewi.gov/about-us/volunteer for a list of volunteer connections!

**CALL for Volunteers**

Community Action and Lifelong Learning is a University Centers program that matches prospective volunteers with the Chippewa Valley organizations and agencies that need them. The mission of the CALL program is twofold: helping students learn through community service, and helping community organizations find talented, educated volunteers.

Visit www.uwec.edu/Activities/volunteer/ to learn more!

**CLEAR VISION EAU CLAIRE**

Effective democracy begins with citizens talking about the kind of community we want. Clear Vision helps this process by promoting greater civic participation and collaboration. Clear Vision Eau Claire seeks to impact community change in six key areas: Education, Health Care, Transportation, Economic Development, Quality of Life, and Civic Engagement.

Anyone living in Eau Claire can participate and have an impact on improving the community. Students are an important part of the Eau Claire community and are encouraged to become involved.

Visit www.clearvisioneauclaire.org to find out how to get involved!
You did it! You made it through the ups and downs of your first year of renting in Eau Claire. Before you move out there are a few things you can do to help the process go more smoothly.

SECURITY DEPOSIT
- When moving out, it is always a good idea to contact your landlord to arrange for a final checkout inspection. If your landlord does not agree, find someone to be a witness to inspect the premises with you.
- If you paid a security deposit, the landlord must return it to you within 21 days after you move out. The landlord may deduct for unpaid rent or damages for which you are responsible.
- A deduction from the security deposit for normal wear and tear such as cleaning or carpet shampooing, in the absence of abuse, waste, or neglect on your part, is prohibited.
- If there are any deductions from the security deposit, the landlord must provide you with a written statement itemizing the amounts withheld.

PACK IT UP, PASS IT ON!
Are there items you just don’t want or can’t possibly move? This event helps you keep those items out of the landfill. Pack It Up, Pass It On (formerly Donate It, Don’t Dump It) is a cooperative community event to collect usable clothes, household items, non-perishable food items, and furniture at the end of each Spring Semester. For any large items that are not able to be re-used, contact your refuse hauler for pick up.

FORWARDING ADDRESS
Now that you’re moving make sure you update your new address! It’s easy and will ensure you keep receiving all of your mail! Also be sure to change your address in MyBlugoldCampS (see page 11 for directions).
Visit www.usps.com and click on “Change of Address” under Quick Tools to update your address.

STORAGE UNITS
If you’re moving away for the summer or studying abroad for a semester, a storage unit can be a great way to save yourself the expense and the hassle of transporting all your stuff back and forth. Typically, the price depends on the size of storage unit you choose to rent. Below are a few local storage companies you might want to check out.

Gold Star Mini Storage
715.831.5388

Kane Road Mini Storage
715.828.4834

Southview Mini Warehouse
715.833.1766
NEED TO COOL OFF?

**Fairfax Pool**
Is the summer heat getting to you? Visit Eau Claire’s public pool on 4200 Fairfax Street to cool off!

**Floating Down The River**
Going down the Chippewa River can be a fun summer activity and not to mention a way to cool off! However, there are some safety concerns we strongly suggest you keep in mind before you decide to float down the river.

**HIGH WATER:** Rivers can be high with fast currents from rain and snowmelt, and can easily overwhelm the strongest paddler, tuber, or swimmer. Check the uwec.edu homepage for river level warnings before you float.

**CLIFFS, ROCKS, & BRIDGES:** Don’t jump or dive into the river. Rivers are always changing and you don’t always know what lies beneath the surface.

**COLD WATER:** Even on hot spring days rivers can still be very cold causing hypothermia. This can impair your ability to think or act clearly and numb your extremities, making movement and rescue difficult.

**SWIMMING ABILITY:** Never attempt to swim across the river. Even the strongest swimmers can become fatigued by river currents. If you capsize, swim on your back with your feet pointed down river and let the current take you to the nearest shore. Always wear a life preserver, and never go out on the river alone.

**STRAINERS:** Strainers are objects in the river, like fallen trees, bridge pilings, or undercut rocks. Strainers allow river current to pass through, but the force of the current can hold and trap a person against the obstacle.

**ALCOHOL OR DRUG USE:** The use of alcohol or other drugs before or during river trips is dangerous. It dulls reflexes and reduces decision-making ability. Alcohol is often a factor in drownings on the river.

GET ACTIVE

**Mount Simon Park**
Do you Frolf? Be sure to get out to Mount Simon Park in Eau Claire on Addison Street for a round of disc golf or to just enjoy a beautiful summer day outdoors.

**Bike Trails**
Whether you bike, walk, or rollerblade, be sure to get out on the 13 miles of trail Eau Claire has to offer!

**EC Adventures**
EC Adventures provides unique and enjoyable experiences on the most scenic and secluded waterways in Eau Claire County. Nestled along the Eau Claire River & Lake Eau Claire, EC Adventures provides customers with kayak & canoe rentals, shuttle services, and other outdoor adventures.

**FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Sounds Like Summer Concert Series**
Check out this concert series in Downtown Eau Claire’s Phoenix Park every Thursday night during the summer months. Local bands play to crowds of more than 1,000 people each night on the banks of the Chippewa River. The show starts at about 6 pm with a “pre-show” set from area singer/songwriters.

**Eau Claire Downtown Farmer’s Market and Artist Market**
Located in Phoenix Park, this market is the perfect place to get your groceries locally. The market runs from May through October.

**Observing The Night Sky**
Come explore the night sky away from the city lights - see the Milky Way, nebulas, clusters and more. The Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society hosts public observing every clear Saturday May through October at the Hobb’s Observatory in the Beaver Creek Reserve. Visit www.cvas-tro.org for details.

**Infinity Beverages Winery**
A winery/distillery specializing in producing a wide range of unique, small batch wines and spirits. They have weekly specials and live music on Friday evenings.

**Gemini Drive-In Theatre**
It’s summer! Don’t be caught at an indoor movie theatre. Visit the drive-in theatre on HWY 12.
APPENDICES

I. What Can I Recycle?
II. Rental Checklist
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IV. Budget Spreadsheet
I. WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Get Caught Recycling!
Recycling Saves Money & The Environment

WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?

Aluminum Cans
Pop, Beer, Cat Food Containers

Tin Cans
Soup, Fruit, Dog Food Containers

Glass Bottles & Jars
Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Beer, Wine

#1 Plastic Containers
Water, Pop, Ketchup

#2 Plastic Containers
Detergent, Coffee, Milk

#3 Plastic Containers
Vegetable Oil

#4 Plastic Containers
Squeeze Bottles like Honey

#5 Plastic Containers
Yogurt, Cottage Cheese, Medicine

#7 Plastic Containers
Tupperware, Reusable Bottles

Cardboard
Shipping & Dry Food Boxes

Mixed Paper
Magazines, Newspaper, Mail

WHAT TURNS TREASURE INTO TRASH?

Thanks for recycling! To make sure your efforts aren’t wasted, please make sure non-recyclables stay out of the bin. Mixing such materials can turn valuable recyclables into trash!

WHAT CAN’T BE RECYCLED?

NO Plastic Bags - Bring these to the stores that take them.

NO Toys or Hangers

NO Motor Oil or Transmission Fluid Bottles

NO Styrofoam: Packing Material, Egg Cartons, Cups, etc.

NO Containers from Hazardous Waste Materials

NO Cookware or Dishes

NO Light Bulbs

NO Pop & Beer Cartons

NO Freezer & Refrigerator Food Boxes

NO Wax Coated Boxes: Milk & Juice Cartons

NO Pizza Boxes

NO Napkins, Tissues, Gift Wrap

RECYCLING TIPS

Collect paper items in paper grocery bags and place in or next to bin.

Broken down cardboard too big for the bin can be placed under or next to the bin.

Other containers such as totes, 5 gallon buckets, kitchen trash cans, or an extra recycling bin can be used to help make recycling easier. Place all containers next to one another on the curb for pick-up.

Remember: RINSE out and carefully CRUSH bottles, jugs, and cans, then replace caps!

This information provided by the
Eau Claire County Recycling Program

If you would like to know more about recycling these and other items, please call the Eau Claire County Recycling Program at 715.839.6190 or visit us online at www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/health_and_environment/Recycle/recycle.htm
City of Eau Claire Refuse Disposal and Collection Regulations

- All garbage and recycling containers must be stored behind dwelling setbacks, not in the front yards of homes (see the diagram).

- No garbage or recycling containers can be stored on a front porch if they are visible from any street (see the diagram).

- Lids on garbage containers must be kept closed.

- Only containers provided by licensed refuse haulers can be placed at curbside for garbage collection.

- Only garbage or trash that can fit into the provided container can be placed at the curbside for collection.

- Garbage and Recycling containers used for curbside collection cannot be placed at curbside earlier than 5 p.m. on the night before pickup.

- Garbage and Recycling containers must be removed from curbside the same day of collection.

- Recyclables placed at curbside for collection must be in a recycling container that prevents them from being scattered around.

Effective July 1, 1999, all refuse containers for buildings containing more than two apartments are required to be stored in a location that is not visible from any street. This may require constructing effective screening for the refuse containers (including garbage totes, dumpsters, and recycling containers).

For more information, contact the Eau Claire City-County Health Department at 715-839-4718
# II. RENTAL CHECKLIST

This rental checklist is intended for use by both renters and landlords. Be sure to inspect the housing unit thoroughly and mark any damages or defaults that can be found. Proper inspection before signing a lease can ease the moving out process for all parties involved. After this sheet is filled out completely, have both the tenant(s) and the landlord sign and distribute copies to all people involved. Also, make sketches or take pictures (and date them) of the areas and attach to the form.

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Additional Comments (be specific):

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This unit located at _______________________
has been inspected for damages and defaults by the tenant(s) and/or landlord. This document will be
used as a reference at the end of the specified tenancy to rate the overall condition that the tenant(s)
leave(s) the premises. Copies of this document should be kept on file by both the tenant(s) and the
landlord. If any repairs need to be performed, it should be put in writing with a final date and signed by
the tenant(s) and landlord. Any additional damages to be documented should be attached on a separate
page.

Signed,
Tenant__________________________________________ Date________________
Tenant__________________________________________ Date________________
Tenant__________________________________________ Date________________
Landlord_________________________________________ Date________________
III. SUBLEASE AGREEMENT

SUBLEASE AGREEMENT

This is an agreement to sublet real property according to the terms specified below. The sublessor agrees to sublet and the subtenant agrees to take the premises described below. Both parties agree to keep, perform and fulfill the promises, conditions and agreements below:

1. The sublessor is: ________________________________________________

2. The subtenant is: ________________________________________________

3. The location of the premises is: ____________________________________
   City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin Unit No. ____________

4. The term of this sublease is ______________, beginning __________, 20___.
   The rent is $_____________ per month, payable in advance on the ______ day of each month.
   The rent is payable to _________________________________
   at (address) _____________________________________________________.

5. The sublease agreement will terminate on (date) _____________________. There shall be no
   holding over under the terms of this sublease agreement under any circumstances.

6. All charges for utilities connected with premises which are to be paid by the sublessor under
   the master lease shall be paid by the subtenant for the term of this sublease.

7. Subtenant agrees to surrender and deliver to the sublessor the premises and all furniture and
   decorations within the premises in as good a condition as they were at the beginning of the term,
   reasonable wear and tear excepted. The subtenant will be liable to the sublessor for any damages
   occurring to the premise.

8. This sublease agreement incorporates and is subject to the original lease agreement between
   the sublessor and his lessor, a copy of which is attached hereto, and which is hereby referred to
   and incorporated as if it were set out here at length. The subtenant agrees to assume all of the
   obligations and responsibilities of the sublessor under the original lease for the duration of the
   sublease agreement.

9. In the event of any legal action concerning this sublease, the loosing party shall pay to the
   prevailing party reasonable attorney’s fees and court costs to be fixed by the court wherein such
   judgment shall be entered.

10. Other ____________________________________________________________________
    ____________________________________________________________________
11. This lease constitutes the sole agreement between the parties, and no additions, deletions or modifications may be accomplished without the written consent of both parties (ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS MADE AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THIS LEASE ARE NOT LEGALLY VALID AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT BINDING UPON EITHER PARTY).

12. The words “sublessor” and “subtenant” as used herein include the plural as well as the singular; no regard for gender is intended by the language in this sublease.

13. If the subtenant is under 18 years of age, then his/her legal guardian or parent guarantees and agrees to perform all of the terms, covenants and conditions of this sublease by affixing his signature below.

14. Each signatory to this sublease acknowledges receipt of an executed copy thereof.

15. This sublease is not binding upon either party unless approved by the landlord as provided below.

16. The parties hereby bind themselves to this agreement by their signatures affixed below on this ______day of _____________, 20___.

SUBLESSOR SUBTENANT ____________________________________________ (Parent/guardian if subtenant is under 18 years of age). I hereby give my consent to subletting of the above-described premises as set out in this sublease agreement.

Date: __________________________
Landlord/Agent___________________________________________________

ORIGINAL LEASE ATTACHED: _______Yes _______No
INVENTORY CHECKLIST ATTACHED: _______Yes _______No
### IV. Budget Spreadsheet

#### Income

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**Total Expenses**

**Total Income - Total Expenses:**

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**Remaining Balance:**
SPONSORSHIP
University Centers provides services that are integral to campus life, including the textbook rental, the meal plan, and the official university ID card. The unit is responsible for all non-academic reservations on campus, ticketing of campus events, bookstore services, dining services and vending campuswide. The University Centers manages all state-purchased off-campus printing, and provides the central source of campus information.

Students are encouraged to actively engage in any number of activities. Student organizations, administrative committees, leadership development, volunteer service programs, and events. These varying experiences help students to develop new skills, reflect on their personal identity and place in the world, and become engaged citizens.

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Plus monthly drawings and so much more!
Visit YoungFreeRoyal.com or any RCU office.

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Meal Plans for Off-Campus Residents

**50/50 Meal Plan**
Cost = $400
- $50 in meal plan dollars
- 50 block meals

**Diners Club Meal Plan**
Cost = You choose!
- Bonus gift cards with deposits of $100 or more
- Ten percent discount in The Dulany Inn and Riverview Café
- Weekly members-only specials

Unused meal plan dollars and block meals do not expire until your relationship with the University ends.

Benefits of Dining with a Meal Plan
- **Save money.** You are not charged tax when using a meal plan.
- **Save time.** We'll do all the work for you.
- **Save your spot.** Campus parking can be a pain.

Signup is easy.
Purchase either meal plan by visiting www.uwec.edu/mealplan or Blugold Card Services.

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Empowering everyday people to be co-creators of their public lives

We engage the community for the common good by:
- Connecting campus and community
- Building collaborative leadership skills
- Taking action on community needs

Nearly 100 years ago President Woodrow Wilson observed:
“You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.”

Don’t forget the errand. If you know Why, contact Clear Vision to learn How.

See our website at www.clearvisioneauclaire.org and download a free Civic Engagement Toolkit

For more information, contact:
Don Mowry dmowry@uwec.edu
Mike Huggins hugginm@uwec.edu
Ann Rupnow rupnowac@uwec.edu

University Recreation & Sport Facilities

University Recreation & Sport Facilities provides opportunities that bridge academic learning with self-discovery through activities that enhance student leadership development, wellness, and fun.

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Wellness
Group Exercise
Intramurals
Open Recreation
Sport Clubs

Crest Fitness Center
McPhee Strength & Performance Center
Therapeutic and Sport Massage
Environmental Adventure Center
Bowling and Billiards Center
Employment Opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION
(715) 836-3377 OR uwec.edu/Recreation

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UW-Eau Claire Recreation
The $core Program is run by the Student Office of Sustainability (SOS) and sponsored by Xcel Energy to provide free energy conservation education and materials to student renters living in off-campus housing.

Student renters can sign up for the $core Program throughout each fall semester. Look for more information and for our online sign-up at the SOS website: http://www.uwec.edu/StudentSenate/commissions/sos/Score-Program.htm

The SOS offers various opportunities for professional development! Look for board member, Eco-Rep, and intern openings at the start of each semester.

Contact the SOS via email for more information: stusen65@uwec.edu

The Off-Campus Life Program addresses the needs and concerns of students living off-campus, particularly those living in the neighborhoods surrounding campus.

For more information on the Off-Campus Life Program:
Contact: 715.836.5110
Stop by: Schofield 26
Visit: www.uwec.edu/offcampus.htm
STUDENT LIVING HANDBOOK

A guide for UW–Eau Claire students living off campus