

Keys for Living Off-Campus

This Information Provided by the MSU-East Lansing Community Relations Coalition!

Unique challenges and opportunities develop when combining student life with independent off-campus living. When becoming a new resident of a community, it is important to be aware of local practices, expectations and regulations. For the most part, standards in East Lansing are similar to those in any other community where being a good neighbor and a responsible citizen are keys to a hassle-free home.

Civil Rights of Tenants. A property owner cannot discriminate against a prospective or present tenant because of religion, race, color, national origin, height, weight, age, handicap, sex, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, student status, or individual's use of adaptive devices or aids, in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and services, and education.

Michigan Department of Civil Rights	373-3590
Human Relations Department	337-1731
ASMSU Legal Services	353-3716
DCL Rental Clinic	336-8088

Dealing With Maintenance Problems

Housing Resource Center	337-9795
ASMSU Legal Services	353-3716
Legal Aid of Central Michigan	485-5411
Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Conservation	337-1731
DCL Rental Clinic	336-8088

Utility Hookups

Electric/Gas	Brd. of Water & Light	371-6000
	Consumers Energy	(800)477-5050
Telephone	Ameritech	377-9011
Water/Sewer	City of East Lansing	337-1731
Cable TV	TCI Cablevision	351-8080

Rubbish-Weekly Collection. Rubbish is collected once each week. Put trash out in portable containers at the edge of the road no later than 7:30am the day of collection and no earlier than 8pm the day before collection. To find out your collection day, call Public Works at 337-1731. The first bag can be any bag; rubbish in excess of one bag must be in a City bag or stickered container. These bags are available at local grocery and 7-11 Stores, as well as City Hall. The yellow pickup bag costs \$1/each.

Rubbish-Special Pickup. Items that do not fit in a 30-gallon trash container must be collected by Bulk Item Special Pickup. Items for special pickup will be collected by advanced phone request only. All items must have a bulk item sticker to be picked up or they will be in violation. For bulk item pickup call Public Works 24-hour Special Pickup number, 351-4999.

City Meetings at City Hall

Police/Student Relations Committee
3rd Mondays, 7pm

City Council Work Sessions
2nd/4th Tuesdays, 7pm

City Council Meetings
1st/3rd Tuesdays, 7:30pm

Voter Registration. If you would like to vote in East Lansing, you may register at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 410 Abbott Road or at any Secretary of State Office. As of April 1, 2000, when registering to vote your driver's license address must be the same as your voter registration address.

Having a Party-Save yourself from hassles!

Social activities can be an enjoyable and important part of off-campus life. It is also important to be aware of the rights and responsibilities that it involves. There are several City ordinances that you will want to be aware of both to protect yourself and to enable you and your friends to have a good time.

- **Noise Ordinance.** Prohibits noise which may disturb neighbors and is plainly audible on neighboring property. Tickets may be issued every half-hour if the noise continues.
- **Nuisance Party Ordinance.** Prohibits a party that disturbs neighbors or that can reasonably be expected to damage, or actually does damage neighboring private property. A party guest can cost you a Nuisance Citation! You are responsible for the conduct of your guests who create a nuisance.
- **Open Alcohol Ordinance.** Prohibits the possession of any alcoholic beverage in an open container or a container with a broken seal in any public place or private area open to the public. Exceptions include licensed liquor establishments or areas approved by ordinance.
- **Litter and Rubbish Ordinances.** Prohibits litter on yard areas, along fence lines, on porches, balconies and steps, and in open accessory garage and shed structures. Tenants can be held accountable by Parking and Code Enforcement staff. Rubbish that is not in proper containers and put out at the right time in the right place will result in enforcement actions. Definitions of litter and rubbish can be obtained from the Parking and Code Enforcement Office.
- **Party Litter.** Parking and Code Enforcement Officers will issue warnings and then citations for party litter that is not picked up within 8 hours.
- **Off-Street Parking.** Illegal parking on yards, over sidewalks, on city streets or in city parking lots between 2am and 5am, and other restricted areas will result in parking tickets. *Free overnight parking* is available in the Grove St. Garage from 12am to 8am and in the colorful Division Street Garage from 10pm to 8am.

Have a great summer!

