

## Damages and Cleaning

Any damage to common areas, i.e., lounges, lobbies, restrooms, kitchens, living rooms, hallways, elevators, stairwells, lighting units, etc., will be charged to the individual(s) responsible for the damage. If the party responsible is not determined or reported, the charges will be assessed to each resident of the suite, apartment, floor, wing, or the entire complex, whichever is appropriate. Residents are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and are responsible to ensure that their activities do not result in dirty, untidy, or dangerous public areas. Custodians are not required to clean up any mess that is the result of resident negligence. Residents may be assessed the cost of any extra cleaning.

## Personal and Disorderly Conduct

Each student is considered an adult and is expected to behave in a civil and responsible manner. Students must comply with all rules and regulations as set forth in this handbook, Reservation/Lease Agreement, Student Housing Contract and the UTRGV Student Code of Conduct, the University Catalog and UTRGV Handbook of Operating Procedures, as well as all local, state, and federal laws. Residents and their guests should conduct themselves in such a fashion as is fitting of community living and show due consideration and respect to neighbors. Inappropriate and/ or disruptive behavior is defined as any behavior, verbal or physical, which disrupts or is detrimental to the environment and/or its occupants. Such behavior may include, but is not limited to, lewd or offensive comments and/or behavior, use of profanity, shouting or loud noise, pranks, damage or destruction of personal or university property, creation and/or contribution to situations which may be harmful or otherwise detrimental to others, and/or aggressive behavior. Residents are obligated to remove themselves from any situation where a violation is occurring. Residents present during a violation of Resident Handbook and/or the Student Code of Conduct could be held responsible for that violation. Conduct which is disorderly, lewd, indecent, or a disturbance of the peace on university premises or at university sponsored activities will be addressed by the Housing and Residence Life staff and may be referred for disciplinary action.

## Unauthorized Entry

Certain areas around or within residential facilities are off limits to residents. Restricted areas include mechanical rooms, custodial closets, roofs, unassigned rooms, balconies, and locked areas. Other prohibited entry points include balconies and ledges as well as exiting/entering through emergency exits during non-emergencies. All ADA entrances into the residence halls are for approved resident use only. All guests of residents approved to use ADA entrances must be registered at the front desk prior to entry. Any students climbing over exterior fencing or using emergency exits during non-emergency situations will be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

The balconies at Casa Bella Apartments are a great amenity and can allow for a unique interaction among residents. No personal items or university owned furniture may be stored on the balconies at any time. Cooking and horseplay on the balconies is strictly prohibited. Students are also reminded that the balcony may not be used as an entrance/exit from the room. No smoking on balconies.

## Quiet Hours

Students are required to abide by all Quiet Hours. It is important to maintain a living and learning environment conducive to sleep and study. In order to facilitate this, Quiet Hours have been designated during which stereos, televisions, other sound making devices and residents themselves should not be loud enough to disturb other residents. Items used for the sole purpose of making noise such as musical instruments, air horns, whistles, other items shall not be used within the residential community. All Facilities Sunday – Thursday 10 PM – 10 AM & Friday/Saturday 12 AM - 10 AM. Quiet Hour violations, resulting from excessive noise, and may result in disciplinary action.

During Finals Week all residence halls and apartments maintain 24 hour Quiet Hours.

