Getting Ready for the Cold

From Our Mechanics

Every fall and winter, our mechanics are called to apartments because residents feel too cold. Here are some tips that address some common problems they find when they respond to a call about cold. Some will seem obvious for people used to living in a cold climate such as Wisconsin, but many of these will be new for arrivals from warmer places, or places with different heating systems.

Keep Your Windows Closed at All Times in the Cold

Many residents come from climates where windows are always kept partially or completely open for fresh air. Some countries have heating systems where closed windows are considered dangerous or unhealthy. For our heating systems the windows do not need to be kept open. Actually, if your windows are open, even a very small amount, it will be hard to keep your home comfortable for you and it is not safe for the building water pipes. (In extreme cold, water pipes can freeze and burst open, causing considerable damage.)

Air Conditioners Must be Removed from the Wall

Uncovered air conditioner “sleeves” in the wall do not provide any protection from the cold. Just as with open windows, it is impossible to keep your apartment warm unless the air conditioner is removed, and the covering replaced in the wall. If you had Apartments staff install your air conditioner, removal is included in the fee you already paid. If you installed the air conditioner yourself, Apartments Staff will remove it and close up the opening for $15 (added to your Housing account). If you prefer to do the work yourself, you just need to remove the air conditioner unit, insulate the opening, and then replace the cover. If you no longer have the insulation that was in the sleeve when you moved in, Styrofoam or “batting” material can be purchased at a hardware store.

Keep Furniture Away from the Walls

Our heating systems are radiant (i.e. they heat objects, not air as a conventional furnace). Therefore, furniture must not be obstructing your convectors (for example if your bed is obstructing your bedroom convectors, your room will be cold as the convector will be heating up the bed frame). Usually keeping furniture or other items 3-4 inches away from the convectors is sufficient.

You Will Need to Wear Socks, and Keep Your Legs and Arms Covered Even When You are Indoors

Many residents don’t think about needing to change their indoor clothing style in the winter, but it is essential. Even with your apartment at a warm temperature, you will probably not feel comfortable unless your feet, legs, and arms are covered. It takes some getting used to, if you are not accustomed to having to bundle up indoors!

University Apartments to Host Inaugural International Festival

We need you! University Apartments is thrilled to be partnering with International Academic Programs and the Wisconsin Alumni Association to host an International Festival. As a capstone event for International Education Week, the International Festival will be held in the Community Center on Saturday, November 18th, from 1:00-4:00pm.

But, we need your help! We cannot do this event alone. We are asking residents, campus partners, and friends to sign up to host a table from their home country or a country of their choosing. Tables can highlight information about a country’s culture and history, have or display a craft or artifacts, wear or display traditional dress, serve food, or anything that you want to highlight your country. If you want to host a table, visit www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-resident-news.

If you have questions, or need assistance in getting supplies or specific items for your table, please email us at uaevents@housing.wisc.edu.
New Face at University Apartments

Meet Anthony Hernandez, Resident Manager (Eagle Heights 500s-600s)

My name is Anthony Hernandez and I am the new Resident Manager (RM) for Eagle Heights 500s-600s. I have been living in Eagle Heights since the summer of 2015. I grew up in South Texas but went to college in Cambridge, Massachusetts. (Go Red Sox!). Before returning to graduate school, I lived in Los Angeles and worked on education policy matters at UCLA. I am currently a third-year doctoral student in the Educational Policy Studies Higher Education program at UW Madison. My passion is to help young people, especially those who are first generation students and/or from the margins of society, realize their potential. As such, I have served on the boards of multiple nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping young people pursue education and connect successfully with their aspirations. Over the years, I have helped hundreds of students. In my free time, I enjoy travel, wine, foreign films (Almodóvar or Fellini, anyone?), and vegetarian cooking.

Winter is Coming, Are You Ready?

As the weather cools Mother Nature is reminding us that winter is coming, and that means snow. Before the cold, ice, and snow we should make sure we are ready. Here are a few tips to make sure you, your family, and your vehicle is ready for the cold Wisconsin weather.

- Make sure you have warm boots, pants, coats, hats, gloves and scarves for yourself and your family. Children especially need a few extra layers to help keep out the cold.
- Shut and lock all windows in your apartment to make sure the warm air stays in and the cold air stays out.
- Pay attention to local weather forecasts for coming cold weather and snow.
- Prepare your vehicles by ensuring proper fluid levels, especially antifreeze which keeps your engine from freezing in extremely cold weather and windshield wiper fluid to remove snow and ice. Review your owner’s manual for more information on how to do this.
- Check your tires for proper tread and tire pressure, good tires are the key to staying on the road and safe in bad weather. Your owner’s manual will tell you the proper tread and air pressure.
- Have an emergency kit in your vehicle just in case when traveling. This can include extra blankets, and winter closes as well as a flashlight and snow broom or shovel. Calling 511 or checking 511wi.gov before any long driving trips will give you updates on Wisconsin road conditions.
- When walking or driving on snow and ice always remember to go slow and stay safe, better to be arrive a little late than getting injured or in an accident.

Wisconsin winters can be hazardous, but also a lot of fun. Skiing, sledding, building snowmen, or just walking through the snow can enjoyable if we are warm, safe, and ready for it.

KIDSville is Coming Back, and I Need Your Help

KIDSville is a school age learning environment for kids in the community, ages anywhere from 4 years old to 10 years old. KIDSville stands for K-knowledge, I-involvement, D-development, and S-safety. Activities are taught in a small town square environment called KIDSville, complete with sidewalks, streets, and houses.

Using this structure we can do 60-90 minute learning activities with groups of kids. The kids can learn anything, from safety to reading to art to animals/nature to games to just about any topic you can think of.

But KIDSville takes time to plan, set up, and organize. I am looking for volunteers who have an idea for an activity or are willing to assist me in keeping this event going. If you are willing to help please contact me at terryevans@wisc.edu.
EVENTS THIS MONTH

You can sign-up for our events on our website located at www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-resident-news. Please follow the instructions on the page to sign up.

CANCELLATIONS & CLOSURES

Zumba is cancelled on Nov. 4th
It resumes its typical class schedule on Nov. 11.
Community Center is closed Nov. 23 & 24
Typical evening activities are cancelled on both days.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Cooking Class
Fridays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Community Center Kitchen (located off the Big Gym)
We are excited to be bringing back our cooking class. We will meet weekly on Fridays to learn and cook together. We are in need of teachers for this class to be a success. If you want to teach and share a sigh, please contact us at UAEvents@housing.wisc.edu to sign up as a teacher. To sign up as a student in the class, check out our events page. Sign up will go live at noon the Monday before the class. Registration Required.

Free Polish Classes
Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, Room 108
We’ll meet weekly to talk about Poland, learn the language, customs and discuss differences in our cultures. Please join us for conversations and to taste delicious Polish food from time to time. No knowledge or speaking in Polish is required!! Class is led by resident volunteers Anna Manicka and Alicja Ciesielska. No Registration Required.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Reading Days
November 7 & 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Community Center Room 133
Reading day is intended for youth in lower elementary (K-4) and their guardians to come and enjoy some fun books and a small craft! Students from Aspiring Educators (formerly Student WEA), an organization on the UW campus, will be reading to the children. We will have engaging books, but feel free to bring your favorite! If you are unable to stay for the entire time, please join us for as long as you would like. Residents can just show up! No Registration Required.

Teen Night Out
Friday, November 10, 6:15 - 9:00 p.m.
Vitense Golfland
Join other teens (ages 12-19) in the UA Community for a night of fun at Vitense GolfLand. Cost is $12 per teen and includes transportation to and from the Community Center, mini-golf, a drink or ice cream, and one other activity. Registration Required.

International Week Film Screening and Discussion:
Excuse My French
Sunday, November 19, 12:00 p.m.
Community Center, Large Gym
We are excited to be a film screening location for the Institute for Regional and International Studies’ International Education Week Film Series. Plan to stay after the film for a Q&A discussion led by African Cultural Studies graduate student Miriam Aly Mohamed Nashaat Sabaaalazab. Co-sponsored by the Center for European Studies and the Middle East Studies Program About the film: 12-year-old Hany tries to fit in at his new governmental school after his father suddenly drops dead, leaving his mother in debt and unable to continue to afford his private education. Not only is Hany clearly from a more privileged background than the working class boys in his new class, but he is also the only Christian in a room full of Muslims. “Excuse My French” is an official selection of the prestigious, award-winning Global Lens Collection presented by the Global Film Initiative. 99 Minutes, In Arabic with English subtitles No Registration Required.

SAVE THE DATE

International Fest
Saturday, November 18, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Community Center, Large Gym
Residents love living in University Apartments because of its rich, cultural diversity, and we are creating an event to celebrate and honor this. We are excited to be hosting our very first International Festival, as a capstone event to International Education Week. Residents can sign up to host a table for a country of their choosing. At this table, you can share information, a craft, serve food, wear or display traditional dress, or anything that you want to highlight your country. If you want to host a table, visit www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-resident-news to sign-up. If you have questions, please email us at uaevents@housing.wisc.edu.
Smoking at University Apartments

Some residents are surprised to learn that smoking is allowed in some parts of University Apartments. Smoking is permitted 25 feet away from buildings, and we also have some buildings where smoking is allowed inside of the individual apartments.

As the weather cools off, we like to remind people to be sure that they are 25 feet from buildings to smoke. In the spirit of the policy, we also ask residents to consider that although you may be 25 feet away from the building, wind could still blow the smoke in and impact your neighbors, so try to position yourself in a way to minimize impact. In all buildings, even those where smoking is permitted in individual apartments, smoking is never allowed in common areas such as hallways, stairwells, and laundry rooms.

Smoking policies apply to visitors or guests as well, so we ask you to please remind them. It is much less awkward to remind your guests than to have a complaint made by your neighbors.

If you are a neighbor who is concerned about someone smoking inside of or too close to the building, we ask you to please talk to them directly. We believe that in a strong community like University Apartments, people should be able to share their concerns with their neighbors. We also believe that most people want to be good neighbors, and are unaware that they may be negatively impacting others.

If you do not know how to speak to your neighbors about your concerns, or you have spoken to them and the behavior has not changed, our resident support services staff is here to help. You can contact the Resident Manager for your neighborhood, or contact the Community Center to be put in touch with one of our resident support team members.

Winter in University Apartments
Photos by Joel Ninmann, University Housing
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Rent a Community Center Room
https://housing.ems.wisc.edu
Do you have an upcoming event? The Community Center has space for you! The cost is more affordable than many other locations, and it is easy to find out what space is available, and how much it would cost. If you have a UW NetID, you will sign in with that. If you do not have one, there is no problem! Sign in as a guest!

Contact the Leasing Office
Leasing@housing.wisc.edu
Do you have a question for Peggy? Do you need to talk to Leasing for any reason? Email first! She will be able to answer your questions, or make an appointment for you. That way, you won’t be disappointed if she is already busy with other residents when you stop by.

Your lease, roommate policies, transfer and termination information, and more can be found on the University Apartments section of the Housing website.
http://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments.htm

Eagle’s Wing Child Care
EaglesWing@housing.wisc.edu
Do you have questions about child care in the Community Center? We welcome any and all questions, comments and suggestions. Based on the topic, your email will be forwarded to the right person to answer your question. To put your child’s name on a waiting list for Eagle’s Wing and/or other campus child care, you can do so at: www.housing.wisc.edu/EaglesWing

Request Repairs Online
If something in your apartment doesn’t work, let us know right away. Repairs will be made even if you are not at home.

Night, weekend, and holiday repairs are only made in urgent situations. If you put in a repair request as soon as you notice a problem, it may keep the problem from getting worse at a time no mechanic is available.

When you need a non-emergency repair, use the Repair website. Only request one repair on each form. The Repairs webpage also has some instructions on small repairs you can make yourself.

To Contact Resident Managers
A Resident Manager is on-call from 5:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. on weekdays, and 24 hours a day on holidays and weekends. No Resident Manager is on Duty at other times, when the University Apartments Office (in the Community Center) is open.

Due to problems with cell reception (sometimes the Resident Manager on Duty is in a basement) the most efficient and effective way to contact the Resident Manager on Duty is sending a text. Texts or calls should be placed to 608-444-9308.

Eagle’s Wing Child Care
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