**Composting in Palo Verde**

Turn food waste back into food. Composting is nature’s recycling—a process which diverts food scraps from landfills or wastewater treatment facilities to be repurposed for other uses.

**Composting bins can be used on your counter top or under your sink and are available for FREE at the Palo Verde front desk**

**Follow these simple instructions to participate!**

1. Line your kitchen container with a compostable bag. Additional bags are available at the 7400 and 6000 trash locations.
2. Fill the bin with approved kitchen scraps as you go about your day and prepare food.
3. When the bag is full, remove it and drop it in your yellow and green designated organic compost bin located next to the trash areas: by 7400, in-between 1100-1400, by 6200, and by 8500.

**Use of Food Compost Bags** - Please use the composting bags solely for composting food waste. The bags are designed to breakdown with compost and are not conducive for being used with other waste, including animal waste (animal waste should only be disposed of in the regular dumpsters). Do not put plastic and “biodegradable” bags in the compost waste bins. Paper bags are acceptable. Additionally, replenishing the compostable bags is costly. If the compost bags are out near the dumpster, come to the Palo Verde Office and we will give you bags.

Please contact the Palo Verde Office regarding any composting questions.

**Keep Fire Doors Closed** - Fire barriers play an integral role in managing a fire by interrupting the spread of smoke, other toxic gasses and the fire itself from one fire zone into another. Fire barriers include fire doors and the 3rd floor gates. Fire doors should never be tied open or held open by items such as door wedges, blocks, etc. In the event of a fire, this allows the fire to spread quickly, causing more damage and placing people’s lives in greater danger. Additionally, items should not be placed in an area that would block these doors.

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**BBQ Grills** - The Palo Verde gas BBQs are provided and maintained for residential use and are available on a first come, first served basis. Cannot wait to use the grill? But how do you fire it up for the first time?

**The gas grills are simple to use:**
- Make sure the lid is open while lighting the grill.
- Turn on the gas valve on some grills (dial from 0-60 minutes).
- Push in and turn on the BBQ control.
- Turn the gas off when you leave.

**BBQ Etiquette**
- Bring and remove your own oven mitts, BBQ utensils, tongs, etc. and do not forget the food!
- Once your grill has cooled down a bit but is still warm, take your brush and clean off any remaining food particles.
- Please clean up after yourself. Take your trash to the dumpsters.
- Report needed maintenance to the Palo Verde office: gas leak, inoperable igniter, bad valve or trash.

**Vehicle Registration** - Palo Verde’s parking policies are enforced by UCI Parking and Distribution Services. All vehicles located in the Palo Verde parking areas must be in operable condition and must be registered under the appropriate resident account.

To register your vehicle, bring in the current vehicle’s registration to the Palo Verde Office for us to copy for our files. Once you receive parking permission from the PV Office, immediately go on-line to your parking account and enter your license plate number under Current Vehicle. Failure to do so will result in a parking citation.

If you purchased a new vehicle from a dealer, bring the Dealer Temporary Registration that is affixed to the front window of the vehicle to the PV Office to register for parking privileges. A temporary permission will be given until the official vehicle registration is received by the PV Office. Once you receive your new vehicle plates, bring the registration to the PV Office to have the temporary permission removed.

As soon as you affix the new license plates onto your vehicle, immediately go onto your parking account and enter the new license plate number. Resident is solely responsible for updating their account. Failure to notify the Palo Verde Office and complete or update the required paperwork may result in their permission being revoked, the account deactivated and/or a citation.

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**Need to talk?**
Confidential assistance is available at the

**UCI COUNSELING CENTER**
(949) 824-6457
Located at Student Services in Room 201 (above Career Center)
www.counseling.uci.edu

**UCI CARE**
Campus Assault Resources & Education
Confidential assistance is available at
(949) 824-7273
www.care.uci.edu
The refrigerator consumes more energy than any other household appliance. Here are some things you can do to make your existing refrigerator or freezer run more efficiently and save electricity:

• Placing hot, steaming foods in your refrigerator will raise the temperature of the unit and of the contents, making the appliance work harder to stabilize. Cool foods first.
• Store food in containers with securely fitting tops or covered tightly with foil or plastic wrap. This will help minimize moisture in the unit.
• A full refrigerator uses less energy than an empty one. The more space to cool, the harder the fridge has to work. However, you do not want it too full. Make sure there are a few inches of space between your refrigerator and the wall. This will help your refrigerator maintain good air circulation and run more efficiently.
• If there is not enough food to fill the freezer, add more ice trays or containers of water. This will minimize the amount of in-rushing warm air that has to be cooled when the door opens and shuts.
• When filling your freezer or refrigerator, be careful not to block any vents or controls.
• Do not forget to defrost the freezer. It is good practice to manually defrost whenever ice becomes 1/4 inch thick to maintain efficiency.
• Open your refrigerator less frequently and do not keep the door open for too long to save energy.
• Report problems with temperature control (40 °F), light, door closure gaskets, drawers, door shelving, freezer and compressor to the Palo Verde office.
• If the power goes out, leave the refrigerator closed to conserve the cold.

**Special PV Playgroup**
**SUMMER DANCE CLASSES FOR ALL CHILDREN!**

Every Thursday from July 25th - September 5th
4:00-4:30 pm for 3 years old and under, 4:40-5:10pm for 3 years and older in the PV Community Room

Joins us for children’s dance classes directed by our very own Palo Verde resident, Slayvana Naydenova Nedelcheva. These lessons are prepared for children using both musical and physical exercises through dance to effectively help children in their coordination, flexibility, balance, strength and emotional health.

Palo Verde Playgroup meets every Thursday from 3:30-6:30pm. All parents/guardians/babysitters must be present at all times to ensure the safety and wellness of their children.

There will be light snacks for the children and coffee and tea for the adults.

**FREE Summer Dance Classes for Children!**

Should you require accommodations for this or any PV event or program, please contact sherwook@uci.edu.

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Donate today to

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THRIFT STORES

Pick-ups will be done at 9:30 a.m. on the dates listed below, between 5100 and 4400 near the mailboxes.

If you have larger items, please call our friendly call center staff to schedule a personal pick up: 877.990.VETS.

06/12, 06/19, 06/26, 07/03, 07/10, 07/17, 07/24, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28

Together we can make a difference in a Veteran’s life.

“Two of the hardest tests in life: The patience to wait for the right moment and the courage to accept that you’ve waited for nothing.”

~ Unknown

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**How to keep spiders & ants...and other insects out your home - Just like humans, insects need food, water and shelter to survive. By eliminating their food supply and getting rid of bug’s favorite hiding spots, you can reduce the risk that insects will take up residence in your home. Before picking up a can of bug spray, do this first:**

• Place food in air-tight containers.
• Clean up the source of attraction -- food left out, crumbs, unnoticed spill residue or stickiness.
• Keep the sink clean. Avoid dirty dishes and standing water.
• Take out your trash often. Make sure your trash bins are covered or even sealed.
• Make sure screens and doors are closed tight.
• Make a line in your doorway with chalk, baby powder, cinnamon, red pepper flakes, salt, or charcoal - ants will not cross.
• Most bugs, including ants and spiders, dislike peppermint. Use peppermint essential oil and water to make a spray, and spray it all over your house.
• Use the peels of any citrus fruits to rub down areas frequented, like windowsills or bookshelves.
• Place white vinegar in a spray bottle and lightly spritz areas where ants like to hang out.
• If all else fails, place a work order for pest control before 9am on Thursdays for an inspection and/or treatment.

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**DONATE YOUR UNOPENED NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & TOILETRIES TO FRESH!**

**FIND OUR MOVE-OUT DRIVE DONATION BINS AROUND OUR UCI STUDENT HOUSING COMMUNITIES.**

Paper products account for about 1/3 of the waste commonly found in landfills. Sponges, washcloths, and towels are cheaper, reusable and take up less space than paper towels. And when they get dirty, they are easily disinfected by boiling them in hot water. No waste necessary!