Fire System Testing and Inspection

All smoke detectors, horns and sprinkler heads are inspected two times per year as required by the State Fire Marshal’s office. The University’s Environmental Health and Safety employees will be conducting the fire alarm testing, sprinkler testing and building inspections. The testing will be between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm and require the inspectors’ entry into all rooms of the apartments. Residents do not need to be home. The schedule below may be subject to change and updates will be provided:

- **Tuesday, August 20**: Bldg 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400
- **Wednesday, August 21**: Bldg 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 4500 Laundry
- **Thursday, August 22**: Bldg 3100, 3200, 3300
- **Tuesday, August 27**: Bldg 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400
- **Wednesday, August 28**: Bldg 8100, 8200
- **Thursday, August 29**: Bldg 8300

All of the testing and repairs will produce sounds and disturbances (signal devices/horns) around and in the apartments for short periods. Contact the Palo Verde office at (949) 824-8918 regarding any animal concerns or other questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Getting along with a New Roommate

Living with strangers, or even friends, can be challenging. Each occupant’s opinion matters and each occupant has the right to have a safe living environment conducive to sleep and study. Here are some suggestions to make the relationship cordial and conflict free.

- **You do not have to be best friends.** Respect and civility should be your goals. Treat your roommate(s) like you would like to be treated. Along with understanding, be flexible and work to compromise in order to accommodate each other’s differing lifestyles.
- **Communicate.** It is important to know how to diplomatically bring up problems with your roommate(s). It is better to talk about it right away than to try and ignore it and let it get worse.
- **Be upfront about your expectations.** Besides chores and responsibilities, every resident’s personal boundaries should be clear from the beginning. This applies to food, clothes, possessions, loud activities, use of common areas, parties, quiet hours, cleaning responsibilities and so on.
- **Sharing.** Discuss which items in communal spaces (cans in a pantry, milk in the refrigerator, etc.) are available to everyone or just the person who bought them. Make a clear delineation of what items you will share costs such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc.).
- **Follow through with your obligations.** If you say you are going to clean the kitchen, pay your roommate back for your share of the premium cable or utilities, or call the PV Office about a repair, then do it.
- **Clean up after yourself.** Be sure to discuss what “clean” means to each person. Agree on a minimum standard of cleanliness that you will all abide by. Clean and put away cookware, wipe down the counters and sweep or mop up any big spills as you go.
- **Divide responsibilities.** It may be a good idea to set up a chores schedule. Make sure you do your fair share of the household chores such as taking out the trash and recycling, and cleaning of all the common areas. In addition to house chores, utilities should also be divided.
- **Communicate each person’s schedule.** Discuss with all roommates to ensure schedule preferences are compatible such as preferred “bedtimes” or quiet hours, and work or school hours (especially if there is only one shower!).
- **Control the amount of noise you make.** Be considerate by keeping the volume down or wear headphones when listening to music/video games/TV/etc. Go into another room when you are on the phone.
- **Guest Visitation.** Occasionally, residents may wish to have a family member or friend visit or stay with them overnight. The host must be a resident and must receive the permission of his/her roommate(s) prior to inviting guests. Always give each other a heads up before having people over and be mindful of how often you have guests. Do not expect your roommates to either join you, or vanish when you have friends over.

Ultimately, remember that your apartment is your home—just with a few other people in it. Try to make it the best home possible for everyone who calls it one—including you.
Fruit & Veggie Party
Come join the outdoor fun of exploring the natural world together with your child.
Plant a garden, hunt for leaves, learn about nature, see how food is grown, explore the composting process, create crafts and much more.

**Come join the fun!**

“Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody.” ~ Unknown

Special PV Playgroup

**SUMMER DANCE CLASSES FOR ALL CHILDREN!**

**Every Thursday from July 26th - September 5th**
4:00-4:30 pm for 3 years old and under, 4:40-5:10 pm 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 - Every Thursday from 3:30-6:30pm**
This playgroup is a free playtime for the children which allows for more socialization (and relaxation) for the parents.
We have light snacks for the children and coffee and tea for the adults. All children and parents/guardians/babysitters are welcome and it is FREE!

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.

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

Do Not Throw Your Mail in the Garbage
You should be recycling all of your mail because it is, well, recyclable. However, that is not the only reason why this particular item does not belong in the garbage. Because of all the valuable information contained within letters from credit card companies, doctors, and the like, security company LifeLock notes that “your mail can be a valuable target for identity thieves”. Shred and recycle your mail — even if it is spam.

**Garage Policy** - Garages are assigned from a wait list of residents who live in lower Palo Verde and maintain a vehicle on the premises. Residents assigned to a garage are not permitted to park in the open lot at any time. Vacated garages will not be re-assigned until this fall. Any usage of a garage that was not assigned to you is prohibited. Vehicles parked in an unassigned garage will be subject to a citation and/or tow.

Garages are for parking operating vehicles and not for storage. Materials that are toxic, poisonous, carcinogenic, flammable or explosive are strictly prohibited.

Keep Garage Doors Closed
Residents that have garages must keep the garage doors closed at all times when not in use. If a resident is reported leaving the garage door open 3 times, they will have their privileges revoked.

**Parking in Front of Garages**
Parking in front of garages is prohibited and are subject to a citation and tow. This includes parking in front of the garage assigned to you.

Be considerate of other residents by not parking in front of or too close to a garage, even if you are leaving your vehicle for just a few minutes. This may prevent residents from getting in and out of their garages, making them late for classes, appointments, etc. Parking in front of a garage can also make it very difficult for the vehicles parking directly opposite the garage to either get in or backing out of the parking spots.

Advertise for Sublets, Buy or Sell Furniture and More! The Anteater Housing Network provides easy access to message boards to find sublets, buy/sell furniture, reach other UCI students and more!
To place an advertisement on the Anteater Housing Network, visit: http://offcampus.housing.uci.edu/ Log-in with your UCI NetID and password.
Guests access to the site is granted for a limited time for prospective students and other campus affiliates.

Bath Rags are Planet Friendly!
Replace paper towels with a special set of cloth towels/napkins (or cut up old t-shirts for great towels) - store the used ones in a small container or drawer in your kitchen and just wash and reuse.

For more information, please visit:
http://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Palo_Verde.html