



RU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

WHO ARE WE?



We are Off-Campus Living & Community Initiatives. Our goal is to help students understand what their rights are as tenants and responsibilities are as community members. We assist students with their housing search, including education focused on legal issues, safety, security and respect. We work with students, parents, property owners, residents, local businesses, Chaplains, and city officials to establish priorities and create student programming that is reflective of community interests and concerns.

Be well,
Dean Willson, Caryn, Sgt. Correa, and Officer Lugo

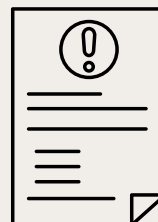
BEFORE YOU PACK: ESSENTIAL MOVE OUT TIPS FOR OFF- CAMPUS STUDENTS

Moving out of your off-campus place—whether you're graduating, switching apartments, or heading home for the summer—can feel overwhelming. But with a little planning, you can wrap up the semester and your lease with way less stress. Here are a few key tips to help you make a smooth transition:

1. Review Your Lease

Before you pack a single box, double-check the move out requirements in your lease. Look for:

- Required notice (often 30–60 days)
- Cleaning expectations
- Key return instructions
- Fees for breaking or extending a lease



If something doesn't make sense, ask your landlord before the deadline sneaks up on you.

2. Communicate with Your Roommates If you live with others, talk early about:

- Who's keeping shared items
- How to divide cleaning responsibilities
- What date everyone plans to leave
- Utilities shutoff dates



A 10-minute meeting can prevent a month's worth of groupchat chaos.

3. Plan Your Move Out Logistics

Don't wait until finals week to think about the "how" of moving.

Make plans for:

- Transportation or a rental truck
- Storage (especially if you're coming back in the fall)
- Bulk trash and donation options
- Furniture you don't want to take with you



And remember—leaving items on the curb outside designated pickup times can lead to fines.

4. Leave the Place Cleaner Than You Found It

A clean apartment = a better chance of getting your security deposit back.

Focus on:

- Appliances (yes, inside the fridge!)
- Bathroom grout and tub
- Baseboards and floors
- Removing command hooks, tape, nails, etc.



Take photos right after you finish cleaning, for your records.

5. Update Your Information

Don't forget to:

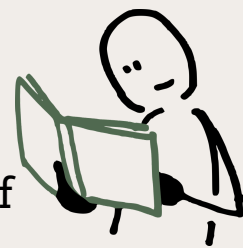
- Submit a change of address with USPS
- Update your address with your bank, employer, and any subscription services
- Adjust delivery addresses for summer packages



6. Know Your Security Deposit Rights

In New Jersey, landlords generally have 30 days to return your security deposit with an itemized list of any deductions.

Keep records, document the condition, and follow up in writing if necessary.



JOIN PROJECT MOVE OUT:

FREE BULK ITEM PICKUP AND DROP-OFF OPTIONS FOR RUTGERS STUDENTS



As the academic year comes to a close and move out season begins, **Rutgers University**, in partnership with the **City of New Brunswick**, invites students to participate in **Project Move Out**.

Move out can generate a significant amount of waste, but **Project Move Out** makes it easier for students to dispose of bulk items responsibly while helping keep neighborhoods clean.

FREE Curbside Pick Up (Registration Required)

Project Move Out offers FREE curbside bulk item pickup for Rutgers students living in New Brunswick who preregister between April 20 and May 18 (by noon).

- Collection dates: May 20–May 22
- Pickup day: Assigned based on street address

Please note:

- Students living in apartment complexes with private waste hauling services are not eligible for curbside pickup through Project Move Out.

Items Eligible for Curbside PickUp

- Appliances
 - Microwaves
 - Toaster ovens
 - Vacuums
- Electronics
 - Televisions
 - Video game consoles



- Cell phones
- Computers, monitors, and printers
- Furniture
 - Mattresses and box springs (must be wrapped in plastic)
 - Couches and chairs
 - Tables, desks, bookcases, and rugs



Household garbage is **not accepted** as part of Project Move Out. Trash bags must be placed out for regular City of New Brunswick trash collection on your scheduled pickup day.

For students who cannot participate in curbside pickup—or who prefer to drop items off directly—Project Move Out also offers on-campus and city operated drop-off options.

On-Campus Drop-Off (No Registration Required)

- Rutgers students may drop off bulk items at the Project Move Out collection area:
 - Dates: May 18–May 22
 - Time: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Location: Behind the College Avenue Gym, Lot 30
 - Requirement: Rutgers ID required
 - No preregistration is necessary for this drop-off option.



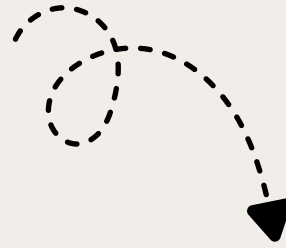
One Day City of New Brunswick Drop-Off Location

- Wednesday, May 20 ONLY
- The City of New Brunswick will host a special one day drop-off site for Rutgers students:
 - Location: Grass triangle at the intersection of Central Avenue and Bristol Street
 - Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m (May end earlier if dumpsters reach capacity.)
 - Requirement: Rutgers ID required
 - This location is available for this date only.

Make Move Out Matter

- Project Move Out offers students multiple convenient ways to dispose of unwanted items responsibly—whether through curbside pickup or drop-off locations. By participating, students help reduce landfill waste, support environmental sustainability, and contribute to a cleaner New Brunswick community.
- Be sure to **register by May 18th** at noon if you plan to use **curbside pickup**—and remember to bring your **Rutgers ID** for all drop-off options.
- For registration and additional information and drop-off locations please visit <https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/project-move-out>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK 2026

New Brunswick **CITY CLEANUP**

Friday, April 24, 2026 • 1-3PM

Meet @ 39 Union Street

**Join us for a rain-or-shine community street clean-up
near College Ave – all materials, maps,
and instructions provided!**

**Co-sponsored by Student Centers and Activities,
Off-Campus Living, and the City of New Brunswick**

**SCAN QR TO REGISTER OR VISIT:
go.rutgers.edu/volunteer-appreciation**



FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

RECIPE CORNER

Looking for a quick, fresh, and flavorful dinner? This Mediterranean Chicken Bowl brings together veggies, tender seasoned chicken, and creamy tzatziki for a meal that tastes like it came straight from your favorite café—without all the fuss. With simple ingredients and minimal prep, it's the perfect meal for when you want something healthy, vibrant, and satisfying!



MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN BOWL

Ingredients:

- Chicken breast
- Garlic powder
- Salt
- Paprika
- Pepper
- Jasmine Rice
 - microwavable packet
- Tomato
- English Cucumber
- Lemon
- Tzatziki Sauce

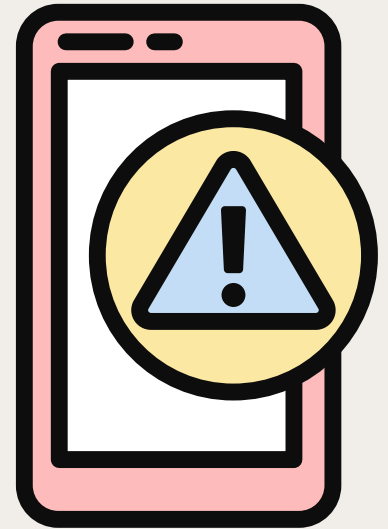


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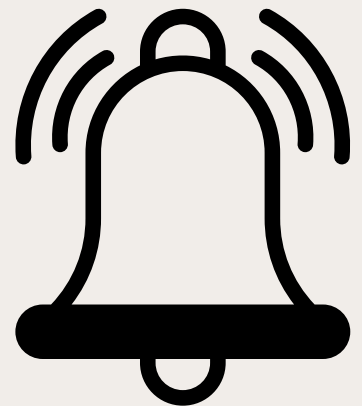
1. Season your chicken breast on both sides with a little garlic powder, salt, paprika and pepper.
2. In an oven safe pan, sear one side of the chicken for 5 minutes.
3. Flip the chicken and put it in the oven at 400 degrees for about 15-20 minutes.
4. While chicken is cooking, heat your rice. Chop you tomato and cucumber.
5. After chicken is cooked, remove it from the oven and slice it.
6. Add rice, chicken, cucumber and tomato to bowl. Squeeze lemon juice over everything and add some tzatziki to the bowl. Sliced avocado or Kalamata olives would be a great additions as well.

STAY CONNECTED – REGISTER YOUR OFF-CAMPUS ADDRESS

If you're a student renting in the local community, please take a moment to register your **local address** and **emergency contact information** with our office.



This helps us keep you **informed about important municipal updates, programming, emergency alerts**, and other useful information related to living off-campus.



Visit →

<https://go.rutgers.edu/OffCampusReg>

STUDENT BASIC NEEDS/RUTGERS FOOD PANTRY—ALL STUDENTS

At some point in a college student's education journey, they may face challenges in accessing adequate amounts of food, housing, financial or other resources.

To ensure that basic needs are met for all Rutgers students, on-campus resources and those available in the surrounding community are listed throughout the <http://basicneeds.rutgers.edu/> website including:

- Food Assistance
- Housing Assistance
- Emergency Aid
- Mental, Physical, & Spiritual Wellness
- Utility Assistance
- Internet & Technology
- Child Care Resources
- Faculty & Staff Resources

Website: <http://basicneeds.rutgers.edu/> website

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