



## 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

## THANKSGIVING BREAK CHECKLIST: KEEP YOUR APARTMENT SAFE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

**HEADING HOME FOR THANKSGIVING? WHETHER YOU'RE LEAVING FOR A FEW DAYS OR THE ENTIRE BREAK, IT'S IMPORTANT TO SECURE YOUR APARTMENT BEFORE YOU GO. HERE'S A QUICK CHECKLIST TO HELP YOU LEAVE WITH PEACE OF MIND:**

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

#### Unplug electronics and small appliances

- Save energy and reduce fire risk by unplugging items like toasters, coffee makers, and chargers.

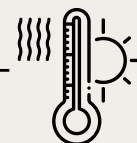


#### Close and lock windows

- Don't forget to draw your blinds or curtains for added privacy and security.

#### Turn down the heat

- Set your thermostat to 65°F or "low". Never turn it off completely—cold temperatures can cause pipes to freeze and burst.



#### Clear out perishables

- Toss any food that might spoil and take out your trash and recycling to avoid unpleasant odors or pests.

#### Use light timers

- A few strategically placed timers can make it look like someone is home, deterring potential intruders.





### **Secure your valuables**

- Lock up important items or, if possible, take them with you.

### **Lock all doors**

- Double-check that every door is locked before you leave.



### **Be mindful on social media**

- Avoid posting that you're out of town until you return. It's safer to share those holiday pics later!

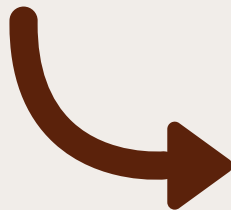
**WISHING YOU A SAFE AND RESTFUL THANKSGIVING BREAK!**

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## **LOOKING FOR A SPRING SUBLEASE?**

If you're searching for a place to live next semester—or you have a space you'd like to rent out—you can use the Subleases tab on the Off-Campus Housing website.

<https://offcampushousing.rutgers.edu/listing>



It's a great way to connect safely and easily with other Rutgers students.

### **Before you commit to a sublease, keep these important guidelines in mind:**

#### **Get Permission**

- Make sure you have the agreement of the landlord and any roommates or other tenants before making any arrangements.

#### **Use a Formal Sublease Agreement**

- Always use a written sublease agreement that everyone signs.
- You can view a sample sublease agreement on our website

<https://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/campus-living/useful-forms-and-checklists>

#### **Visit the Property**

- Check out the property in person before signing or paying anything. This ensures you know exactly what you're getting.

#### **Clarify Costs and Responsibilities**

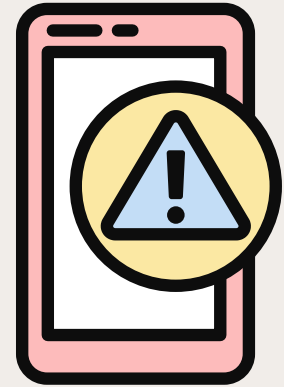
- Be clear about rental amounts, bills, and fees. Confirm who is responsible for each payment and when they are due.

**TAKING A FEW EXTRA STEPS NOW CAN SAVE YOU TIME, STRESS, AND MONEY LATER!**

# 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>

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## THINKING ABOUT MOVING OFF-CAMPUS NEXT YEAR? **NOT SURE WHERE TO START? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!**

Join us for the 10th Annual Off-Campus Housing Fair —your one-stop shop for everything you need to kick off your housing search with confidence.

### **At the Fair, you can:**

- Explore off-campus living options
- Meet landlords & property managers face-to-face
- Learn about campus and community resources

**Date:** Monday, November 10, 2025

**Location:** College Avenue Student Center Main Lounge

We will be there from **1pm until 4pm.**



**Start your housing search the smart way—join us!**

# FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

## RECIPE CORNER

### Got Leftovers? Get Creative with Your Turkey!

If you're coming back from Thanksgiving break with a fridge full of leftovers from the big day, why not turn that turkey into something new and delicious? Skip the plain sandwiches and get creative! From quesadillas to crescent rolls, there are plenty of ways to remix your holiday meal into something exciting!

### TURKEY QUESADILLA

- Layer turkey, stuffing and cheese between tortillas and heat in a skillet until it's crispy (about 2-4 minutes per side). You can serve this with a side of cranberry sauce for dipping.

### TURKEY CRESCENT ROLLS

- Unroll crescent roll doll and layer each triangle with mashed potatoes, turkey, stuffing and a drop of cranberry sauce. Roll the triangles up and place them on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes.

### LEFTOVER POTATO FRITTERS

- Stir together 2 cups of mashed potatoes (Yukon or Sweet potatoes),  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup panko breadcrumbs, 1 egg, seasoning of your choice (eg. Sweet potato w/brown sugar, Yukon with shredded cheddar), salt and pepper. Put some additional breadcrumbs in another dish. Heat olive or canola oil in a skillet over medium high heat. Form your potato mixture into patties and roll the patties in the dish of panko breadcrumbs. Fry the fritters, flipping them when golden brown and crisp looking (about 2-3 minutes per side).



**GET CREATIVE AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN COME UP WITH!**

# 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

**Instagram:** @RUBasicNeeds

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/RUbasicneeds>

