



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

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS: WHY EVERY OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT SHOULD HAVE RENTERS INSURANCE



- Moving into an off-campus apartment or house is an exciting step toward independence, but it also comes with new responsibilities. One important step many students overlook is purchasing renters insurance.
- For students living off- campus, renters insurance is often surprisingly affordable, especially when compared to the cost of replacing electronics, textbooks, and other essentials after a theft, fire, or water damage incident.

A few things to keep in mind:

- **Coverage is not retroactive.** If your laptop was stolen or your apartment was damaged before you purchased the policy, those losses typically will not be covered.

- **You can start coverage quickly.** Many insurers allow you to get a quote and activate a policy online the same day.
- **Landlords may require it.** Some leases require tenants to carry renters insurance and may ask for proof of coverage.
- **Take inventory of your belongings.** Before purchasing a policy, make a list of valuable items such as laptops, phones, bicycles, gaming systems, and furniture to ensure you have adequate coverage.
- **Check liability coverage.** A good renters insurance policy often includes liability protection if someone is injured in your rental or if you accidentally damage someone else's property.

A small investment today can help protect you from significant financial challenges tomorrow.

KNOW YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE



Keeping our community clean and avoiding fines, starts with knowing your trash and recycling collection schedule. Collection days can occasionally change due to holidays, weather events, or service updates, so staying informed helps ensure you never miss a pickup.

Knowing your schedule can help you:

- Avoid missed collections
- Recycle correctly and reduce contamination
- Keep neighborhoods clean and attractive
- Support local sustainability efforts



To make staying informed even easier, use the **Recycle Coach app**. This free tool provides personalized collection calendars, pickup reminders, and recycling information.

Recycle Coach can help answer questions about what belongs in the recycling bin and notify you of any schedule changes.

With Recycle Coach, you can:

- Receive collection day reminders
- Get alerts about holiday or weather-related schedule changes
- Search materials to learn how to dispose of them properly
- Access local waste and recycling information anytime

Take a few minutes to download the **Recycle Coach** app and stay ahead of your collection schedule. Together, we can help keep our community clean, organized, and environmentally responsible.

Stay informed. Recycle right. Never miss a collection day.



YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

IN THE PALM OF YOUR HANDS

DOWNLOAD RECYCLE COACH TODAY!





DOWNLOAD THE FREE RECYCLE COACH APP FROM YOUR
APP STORE ON YOUR PHONE OR USE IT ON OUR CITY WEBSITE AT:
WWW.CITYOFNEWBRUNSWICK.ORG/COACH

OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH: FIRE SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU



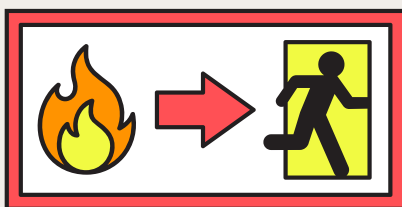
Living off-campus gives you more independence, but it also means taking responsibility for your own safety. Fire hazards can happen in any apartment or house, often due to unattended cooking, overloaded power strips, candles, or faulty electrical equipment.

Protect yourself and your roommates by following these simple tips:

- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Keep exits and hallways clear in case of an emergency.
- Avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and report any issues to your landlord immediately.
- Know at least two ways out of your residence and establish a meeting place outside.

If a fire occurs, get out immediately, stay out, and call 911 from a safe location. **Remember:** your belongings can be replaced, but your safety comes first.

Stay alert, stay prepared, and help keep our off-campus community safe.

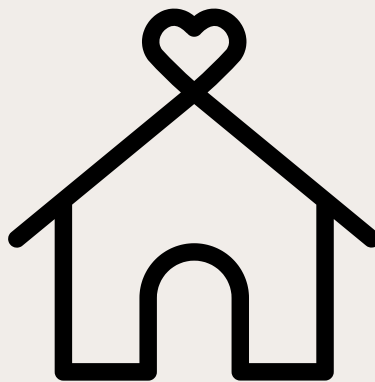


LOOKING FOR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING NEXT YEAR? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

11TH ANNUAL OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING FAIR

Connect, explore, and prepare for life off-campus:

- Browse housing options in the area
- Meet landlords and property managers in person
- Discover resources designed to help students succeed
- Get the information you need to make informed decisions



Take the stress out of your housing search—see you there!

Date: Monday, November 2, 2026

Location: College Avenue Student Center Main Lounge

Time: 1pm until 4pm

FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

RECIPE CORNER



One of the easiest, healthiest things you can prepare is a stir fry. It's quick and you can customize it with the veggies you like.

SIMPLE CHICKEN TERIYAKI STIR FRY

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, cut into wedges
- 2 broccoli heads cut into florets
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into wedges
- 1 cup sugar snap/snow peas
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 lbs. chicken thighs, skinless and boneless, cut into bite sized pieces
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ¼ cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar or apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons mirin
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic (or 2 garlic cloves, minced)
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch mixed with 2 teaspoons water ONLY if needed
- 1 shallot/green onion stem, sliced to garnish



Instructions:

1. Stir fry onion, broccoli, peppers and peas with 1 tablespoon of oil until just starting to turn vibrant in color. Add 2 tablespoons of water, reduce heat to medium and stir fry until cooked to your liking (tender-crisp). Remove vegetables from pan and set aside.
2. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Heat sesame oil over medium heat in the same pan. Stir fry chicken, stirring occasionally until lightly browned and crisp.
3. In a small bowl whisk together the soy sauce, brown sugar, vinegar, mirin and garlic to combine. Add sauce to the chicken and cook while stirring occasionally, until it bubbles and thickens into a beautiful shiny glaze. (If the sauce has not thickened, quickly whisk in the cornstarch/water mixture and continue stirring until thickened.)
4. Garnish with green onion (or shallot) slices and serve over rice.

STAY CONNECTED. STAY SAFE. REGISTER YOUR OFF-CAMPUS ADDRESS

If you're renting in the local community, make sure you're connected to the information that matters most.



Register your local address and emergency contact information to receive updates on community events, emergency alerts, municipal information, and resources for off-campus students.

Bonus: Students who register can receive **free safety devices** as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting off-campus safety.



Complete your registration here:

- <https://go.rutgers.edu/9f6z48oy>



STUDENT BASIC NEEDS/RUTGERS FOOD PANTRY— FOR 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

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