

Bedroom Allowable Appliances

Why don't we allow appliances in residence bedrooms?

Food prep/cooking appliances are not permitted in any residence bedroom. Due to a history of problems, including fire alarms, overloaded breakers and plumbing issues associated with students cooking and using other appliances in residence bedrooms, there is now a restriction on what students can have in residence.

Traditional and Semi-Suite Residences are not equipped with kitchen facilities to adequately dispose of kitchen waste. By restricting cooking and food preparation appliances in DeCew, Vallee, Lowenberger, Earp and Residence 8 we significantly reduce the volume of plumbing related maintenance, overloaded breakers and fire alarms (*that may carry a nuisance alarm fine charged to the occupants*).

All students in Traditional and Semi-Suite Residences have a full access meal plan, reducing the need for cooking and food preparation in rooms. Students are also encouraged to reach out to the Dining Services Dietician to discuss options regarding allergies/dietary restrictions. Microwaves and kettles are provided in all lounges for student use. For more information on Meal Plans click [here](#).

Only students in **Townhouse style Residences** (Quarry View and Village) are permitted to bring cooking and food preparation appliances, these must be stored and used in kitchens. Click [here](#) to view Kitchen Allowable Appliances. Townhouse students must purchase an all-access meal plan with the option to reduce down to a 5-day plan.

All students are permitted to bring one personal fridge for their residence bedroom that meets "Allowable fridge" specifications outlined in this document. Aside from one mini-fridge per student, no other appliances are allowed.

Why can't I have a fridge with a separate freezer in my residence bedroom?

Compact personal fridges with separate freezer compartments require more power to keep the freezer at the proper temperature, which increases the likelihood of overloading breakers. Furthermore, in the event of a power outage, breaker issue, or if a fridge is unplugged, there is a higher volume of ice that may cause a flood in the bedroom causing possible damage to flooring. This problem is less likely to occur with single doored units.

What does the Residence Community Standards (RCS) say about Fire Safety?

Students are expected to ensure that their living environment is safe and free from life safety hazards. This includes not overloading plugs, using CSA/UL approved power bars and extension cords, using the approved appliances only in approved locations, ensuring that items such as curling irons/wands or hair straighteners are unplugged when not in use and laptops are not left on and on bedding or other fabric furniture.

If there is continued use of non-CSA/UL products that result in fire safety issues or overloaded breakers, students may be subject to a nuisance charge. Items may also be confiscated at the discretion of the Housing Services and Facilities Management Staff.

What happens if a non-allowable item is found in my room/unit?

Infractions are dealt with through a variety of mechanisms depending on the severity of the incident. See the [RCS](#) under Administration & Enforcement of Residence Community Standards for more detail.

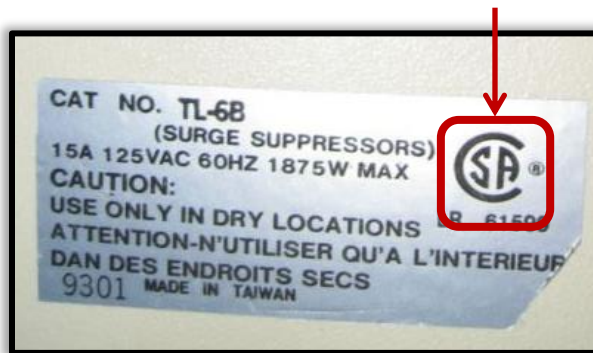
Allowable Power Bars & Extension Cords

All Residence Bedrooms

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How do I know if my power bar/extension cord is CSA/UL approved?

Look for the Canadian Standards Association or the Underwriters Laboratories logo (UL)



Safety tips when using extension cords and power bars:

Extension Cords

- DO NOT connect multiple extension cords together.
- If using an extension cord with larger appliances, make sure the appropriate extension cord is used (heavier gauge cord required for larger appliances). If possible, plug larger appliances into a surge suppressor power bar to protect the appliance
- Always check the cord: if it has damage or is hot to the touch **DO NOT USE IT.**
- Never run a cord under a rug or mat. It prevents the cord from releasing heat and could lead to a fire.

Power Bars

- We recommend the use of surge suppressor power bars to protect your equipment and appliances from any surges in power (see above pictures).
- DO NOT purchase power bars that are not CSA approved, they do not meet these safety standards (see above pictures for logo in CSA approved surge suppressors). Dollar store products will not suffice.
- Ensure you are not overloading the power bar. Only plug in a few small items at one time (i.e. computer, cell phone charger, desk lamp).
- Use a surge suppressor power bar when plugging in larger appliances instead of plugging them directly into an outlet.
- Use one surge suppressor power bar per large appliance to avoid overloading.

Housing Services reserves the right to inspect any appliance for safety reasons and ask for them to be removed based on their age, condition and/or electricity consumption.

Allowable Appliances

All Residence Bedrooms

The following items are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite, and Townhouse residences.

Students are permitted to bring one small, compact sized refrigerator with no separate freezer compartment (maximum size of 5 cubic feet) to all residence bedrooms.
Freezers are not permitted in residence bedrooms at all.

Fridges

- 1 fridge per student in residence bedroom
- 5 cubic feet maximum
- Only 1 open-able door (no separate freezer)
- must not block bedroom door access



No Separate
Freezer
compartment
permitted



Fridge Rentals are now available at Brock!!

Fridges can now be rented by students through [COLDEX](#). This new partnership allows students a much easier transition in and out of residence with Coldex delivering units prior to move in and picking up fridges when you move out!!

No other appliances are allowed in bedrooms/bathrooms.

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Fans / Humidifiers / Diffusers / Plug Ins

Students are permitted to bring fans with a no heat function to all residences.
Space heaters are not permitted in any residence.



Small compact sized humidifiers are permitted



No Space Heaters



No Dual (Hot and Cold) Fan Heaters



No open wax plug in lamps



Oil Diffusers make a great alternative to candles/plug in deodorizers.



Looking for details on what furnishings you can have in residence? See the listing of Allowable Furnishings (with pictures) on our website at <https://brocku.ca/residence/important-information/rules-and-regulations/allowable-furnishings/>.

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