Wednesday 3:00pm - 5:00pm  RESIDENT RELATIONS
Thursday 8:30am - 10:30am  Phone: 949-824-8918

Are you having problems with a roommate or a neighbor? Do you have an uncomfortable living situation?

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Parking Lot Safety - As a reminder, here are the important tips to keep everyone safe in the Palo Verde Parking lots:

• There is a speed limit of 15 mph throughout the Palo Verde complex. Please obey this speed limit and remember that there are many children and adult pedestrians.
• Make sure you come to complete stop at stop signs and look around for pedestrians and bicyclists before proceeding.
• Slow down and proceed with caution over speed bumps in order to improve safety conditions.
• Please remember that all the traffic signs and signals do not only apply to cars, but bicycles and pedestrians as well. Use caution and do not assume drivers can see you or know what you are going to do.
• Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger the driver, passengers, and by-stander safety. For example, text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver and is by far the most alarming distraction.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Water Line Project Roadway Impacts - Irvine Ranch Water District with UCI Facilities Management have started construction activities for the infrastructure improvement for Central Plant.

Beginning Sunday, November 5th, construction work will take place overnight to provide minimal impact to the campus community. Detour signs will be posted to facilitate traffic flow.

For updates regarding this project or if you have any questions or concerns, visit: http://www.parking.uci.edu/

Thank you for your patience during this project!

Working from Home? Any activity of a business or commercial nature is not permitted on Palo Verde property. This includes, but is not limited to, investment ventures, real estate sales or brokerage, child care, animal care, or any venture involving the transfer of money or products in exchange for services.

Get ready: it is almost time to "fall back"  Daylight Saving Time ends at 2am Sunday, November 5th, which means you will need to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 4th.

Time Change Preparedness Checklist - On the first Sunday in November, we come to the end of Daylight Saving Time. With an extra hour in the day – and winter on the way – it is a good time for a seasonal home preparedness checklist! As you circle the house, resetting the clocks, make time for this safety check-list for a safe and organize home:

• Test the smoke detectors to make sure they are working and place a work-order to have the batteries replaced if needed. Recycle the batteries.
• Long dark winter evenings call for a little illumination! Check light bulbs and fixtures for repair or replacement. Consider replacing conventional bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent or LCD bulbs.
• Cold weather is here and so are colds and the flu; will your household be prepared if illness strikes? Check the medicine cabinet, and assess stocks of medications needed to fight colds or flu. In the pantry, a stock-pile of canned soup and plenty of bottles of hydrating fluids can ease cold symptoms and fight off dehydration – and do not forget to stock up on disposable tissues for all those coughs and sneezes!
• Make or review your family emergency plan. If an emergency strikes, will your family know what to do? Review your family’s emergency plan or create one for the first time. Update phone numbers, addresses and contact information, and post an Emergency Information Page near the phone.

"Be grateful for what you already have while you pursue your goals. If you aren’t grateful for what you already have, what makes you think you would be happy with more." ~ Roy T. Bennett

No Candles, Incense, or other Open Flame Materials Allowed in Palo Verde Candles, even if sealed, are not permitted as part of UCI’s “NO OPEN FLAME POLICY” Battery operated lights are permitted. Please remove these hazards from your apartment. Violations found by the State Fire Marshal may be reported to the UCI Office of Student Conduct.
Tips for Clogged Drains - Have you discovered a clog in your sink or tub drain? Do not panic, it happens to the best of us!

A clogged drain is one of the issues we receive daily calls about. Many are easy fixes with home remedies you can try in order to dislodge the clog. Be sure to take a step back if you feel the job requires more attention then you can give.

Using A Plunger In Your Sink or Bathtub: If your bathtub or sink is clogged beyond what you can clear, it might be time to pull out the big guns: the plunger! This may come as a surprise to those of us who only call on this device when we have got a clogged toilet, but yes, you CAN use it for other clogs. If it is your sink that is giving you issues, fill it about halfway, and if it is your bathtub, stick to about four or five inches. This method, although effective, can be messy, so be prepared!

Using A Natural Remedy: Before you reach for the Drano, consider trying a more natural alternative home remedy to unclogging a drain. You will need 1 cup of baking soda, 1 cup of table salt, and one cup of the white vinegar… First, make sure there is no water in the sink. Pour one cup of baking soda followed by one cup of table salt and then pour a cup of white vinegar. Wait for ten minutes and flush it with boiling water.

Do Not Put Anything Down the Sink - One of the best ways to prevent slow or clogged drains is to be careful about what you put into them. The only things that should be going down the sink are water and the light residues from soap, toothpaste, and the like. Coffee grounds, lotions, and other creams or liquids could corrode your pipes and cause a leak. Careful about what you put into them. The only things that should be going down the sink are water and the light residues from soap, toothpaste, and the like. Coffee grounds, lotions, and other creams or liquids could corrode your pipes and cause a leak.

Cover It Up - Simple drain covers can go a long way to keep out clog causers such as hair, bits of string, food particles, and more. You will need to clear out your drain screen regularly, otherwise your sink will drain slowly.

Keep Pop-up Stoppers Clean - The pop up drain stoppers that are most likely in your bathroom basins are major clog causers. They can accumulate a build-up from soap scum and other residues and collecting hair balls and other things that are sure to cause major clogs. Pull up these pop-up stoppers as far as they go and clean them off on a regular basis.

Keeping an Unclogged Drain: Now that you have gotten rid of that nasty clog, you will want to keep your drain nice and clean, so it is not a repeat offender. Follow up any clog removal efforts with a full scrub down of your sink. Remember to keep your sinks clean and free of debris. In the kitchen, make sure you really scrape off your plates before rinsing them in the sink.

Fun Facts About Coffee Drinkers

U.S. adults drink an average of 3.1 cups of coffee a day. Most people who drink coffee in the U.S. drink it with breakfast (65 percent). The average American spends $20 on coffee a week (or an average of $1,092 a year).

Like your stuff? You’re not the only one …

Here are some tips to increase your security and to prevent you from becoming a victim of a crime.

Safety Tips For Your Residence:

• Do not leave any personal items outside your apartment. This includes bicycles.
• Do not leave notes on your front door letting others know when you will be away or returning.
• Do not authorize shipping carriers to leave packages at your door if you are not at home.
• Never leave your apartment door unlocked. This includes when you leave to retrieve the mail or take out the trash. Someone lurking in the area could gain access quickly.
• Keep valuable items secure in your residence. Lock items in a safe or other protected location.
• Valuables should not be visible through the windows and doors of your residence.
• Get to know your neighbors and other residents. Together, you can improve security in your building and neighborhood.
• Never open your door to strangers. Check the ID of service people before letting them in. Do not be embarrassed to call for verification.
• If you come home and see a door or window open or broken or notice other indicators of a break in, do not enter your house - leave immediately. Call 911 from a safe location.
• If you see suspicious behavior, report it immediately to the UCI Police Department at (949) 824-5223.

Tips to Prevent Thefts from Vehicles:

• Even if you are running into the store or to your apartment, simply locking the doors will deter those who might just be waiting around for an easy target.
• Most burglars will not break into a car if they can not see what they are getting. Items visible from the outside—even an empty shopping bag—could be seen as a valuable or a carrier of valuables. If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area on display, consider getting a cover.
• Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car and your home.
• If you need to leave your keys with a vehicle repair or parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.

What will the weather be like today?

California weather can change from one minute to the next, alternating between hot and cold. These fluctuating temperatures can really drive up your electrical bill.

Ways to save electricity:

Turn off heaters before opening windows during the daytime to drive down this cost. Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows. When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.

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“Believe and act as if it were impossible to fail.” ~ Charles Kettering