“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Instead of Using the Garbage Disposal Compost It! Turn food waste back into food. Composting is nature’s recycling – a process which diverts food scraps from landfills or waste water treatment facilities to be re-purposed for other uses. All food/kitchen scraps can be composted – meat, poultry, fish, bones, dairy products, breads, grains, flowers, seeds, fats and oils, vegetables, coffee grounds, and tea bags are some examples. Paper products that are soiled with food – such as napkins or non-waxy paper plates can also be composted. The next time you think about forcing your food scraps down the drain, think again. Not only are you helping the environment when you use the compost bin instead of a garbage disposal, but you are helping to prevent clogged sinks.

Stop by the Palo Verde office to pick up a compost bin to use at home! Or better yet - compost it! And remember, you can drop off your food scraps to get rid of, it is best to put it in the compost bin or garbage or your compost bin.

Harsh Chemicals - Harsh chemicals like bleach or drain cleaners can damage blades and pipes. Place a work order instead.

What not to put down the Garbage Disposal - Do not put anything in the garbage disposal that is not biodegradable food. When in doubt, throw it out! Or better yet - compost it!

Stringy veggies and vegetable peels - Fibrous materials are the worst culprit when it comes to clogging a garbage disposal. This includes celery, corn husks, asparagus, artichokes, and other vegetables that have any kind of stringy qualities to them. The stringy parts can wrap around the blades. The starches in foods such as in potatoes and rice will turn into a thick paste and may cause blades to stick.

Grease or oil - Greasy foods will distribute a film over the blades diminishing their effectiveness. Over time, it solidifies and begins to build up in your pipes.

Egg shells - The membrane on the inside of the egg can wrap around the blades.

Coffee grounds - The grounds build up like sediment in the pipes, causing blockage.

Pits, seeds, bones - Items such as bones and fruit pits can dull and even break the unit’s blades.

Anything in bulk - If you have a large amount of food scraps to get rid of, it is best to put it in the garbage or your compost bin.

Rice and pasta - Every time you turn the water on, the pasta and rice will continue to absorb water and block the pipes.

Palo Verde Residents Council (PVRC) is an elected body of five Palo Verde residents, which acts as a liaison between residents and PV Housing, with regard to advocacy and community-building independent of the Palo Verde office/administration. We host monthly public meetings to allow residents to voice their concerns, as well as to communicate updates on the PV community and housing more broadly.

Brunch at the Bridge: Tuesday, January 16th, 9:00-11:00am, Green Bridge
Public Meetings: Thursday, Jan 18th, Feb 15th, Mar 15th at 6:00pm in the PV Lounge
Superbowl Party: Sunday, February 4th at 3:30pm in the PV Lounge
Valentine’s Day Craft Event: Saturday, February 10th at 6pm in the PV Lounge
Yoga: Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the PV Community Room through March 13th
PVRC @uci.edu facebook.com/PaloVerdeResidentsCouncil

PVRC Public Meeting
Thursday, January 18th
6:00pm in the Palo Verde Lounge

Looking to meet other residents and learn about your community? This is the event to go to! We use these public meetings to update residents on what is happening in the community and in campus housing. Address your concerns and suggestions with PVRC and other residents on any issues that need to be addressed, what improvements you think we can make, and we are also eager to hear about what has been going well.

Come by, grab a slice of pizza, and meet your neighbors. Let us know your thoughts!

Hope to see you there!

~ Palo Verde Residents Council (PVRC) ~
Follow PVRC on facebook to be kept up with our most recent activities: facebook.com/PaloVerdeResidentsCouncil. Contact us at: pvrc@uci.edu. Visit our webpage: https://sites.google.com/site/paloverderescouncil/

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.
When to use your Headlights

It may be impossible to predict how much rain California will get over the next few months. Some drivers may not realize that it is the law to turn on their vehicles’ headlights when it is raining and wipers are on. Remember: “Wipers On! Headlights On!”

How about snow? Or mist? Or fog?

Turn on your headlights when:

(A) it is dark,

(B) you cannot see clearly up to 1,000 feet, and/or

(C) the weather conditions require windshield wiper use.

The goal is to make yourself more visible to others and to increase your ability as a driver to identify hazards around you. Whenever in doubt, turn on your headlights (low beam).

Parking Accounts - It is the resident’s responsibility to verify and update vehicle information for their own as well as their guest vehicles. Vehicles that are not properly registered and parked in designated parking spots will be subject to a citation.

Please remember that when a you submit a Temporary DMV Registration to the office for a parking permit, you will receive a temporary permit good for 90 days. At the end of 90 days, if we have not received your permanent registration, your parking account will expire causing your vehicle(s) to be susceptible to citations.

UCI Transportation and Distribution Services enforces Palo Verde Housing parking policies. Palo Verde Housing staff does not have authority to appeal parking citations issued in Palo Verde.

Residents must contact the UCI Transportation and Distribution directly regarding appeals. The information for the appeal is listed on the parking ticket.

Palo Verde HOUSING ASSISTANT JOB POSTING - RECRUITMENT

Term begins: Sunday - July 1, 2018
Application Deadline: Monday-February 5, 2018 at 5pm.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
Provide after-hours coverage for Palo Verde Housing Office, Respond to resident and community issues requiring immediate intervention and assessment, Provide routine access to recreation facilities, Inform residents through the bulletin boards and the PV Press, and more. See HA Job Description for complete details.

COMPENSATION:
Housing Assistant: Salary
You Must Attend An Information Session in Order To Apply For The Position:
Wednesday, January 17th at 5:30 pm  Cancelled
Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Palo Verde Lounge and Conference Room

These sessions will give you an opportunity to learn more about the position, the selection process, the training program and to pick up an application packet. Being a Housing Assistant is a great way to be involved in the Palo Verde community.

For more information, contact sherwook@uci.edu. Additional information will be posted in the Palo Verde laundry rooms.

Sustainability Tip - Alter Your Driving Habits

Small changes to your driving style can make a big difference in carbon emissions.

• Stop idling: An idling car gets exactly 0 miles per gallon. If you are parked or stuck in a gridlocked traffic jam, turn it off.

• Accelerate gently: Hard acceleration just takes you to the gas station faster.

• Reduce your speed: Think about how much more energy it takes to run than walk. Now think about how much more gas your car uses at 70 mph than at 55 mph.

PV Picnic and a Movie

May 8  June 12  July 17  August 21  September 18

Lion  Kubo and the Two Strings  Pelé  Wonder Woman  Star Wars: The Force Awakens

For more information, please visit:
http://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Palo_Verde.html

“With utmost allow the clock and the calendar to blind us to the fact that each moment of life is a miracle and a mystery.”

– H.G. Wells