 Expecting Holiday Guests? Residents may have overnight guests in their apartments for no longer than seven (7) days, with approval from the roommate (when applicable). Be sure to discuss the visit and receive your roommate’s approval prior to the guests’ arrival. Remain sensitive to your roommate’s feelings and concerns. Residents are responsible for any damages.

Visitor Parking • All guest’s vehicles must be registered when on site and may only park in designated visitor spaces. Visitor parking is very limited. Make sure there is a visitor spot before entering the license into the visitor account. It is the responsibility of the resident to manage and record the appropriate information in their parking account. If your guests park in Palo Verde and they are not registered by a Palo Verde resident, their vehicle is subject to a citation.

If visitor parking is unavailable, your guests can purchase a permit to park in one of the UCI parking lots. Permit dispensers are available at all times and accept major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover) and cash. Please visit https://www.parking.uci.edu/permits/visitorpermits.cfm for information and the interactive campus map for dispenser locations.

Returning Keys during the Holiday Break
Returning a loaner key, room reservation key, or a move-out key is the sole responsibility of the person that signed for the key. The after-hours drop box for various key returns is located outside the Palo Verde office door.

During the holiday break, the After Hours Assistants will be collecting the keys from the drop box on a regular basis. Loaner keys and room reservation keys do not require envelopes, just lift the lid and drop the keys into the box. To return move-out keys, please complete one of the envelopes provided and place it in the box.

Complimentary Winter Break Shuttle
UCI Transportation is pleased to offer complimentary shuttle service to support your travel plans during the holiday break.

Service is provided between the main campus and John Wayne Airport, and between the main campus and the Irvine Transportation Center (Metrolink/Amtrak Station). Space is limited so reservations are required. Your flight information and the number of bags you will be carrying is needed to reserve your seat.

If you end up with different travel arrangements to your destination and will no longer need the Shuttle service, please cancel your reservation as soon as practical to allow room for students, faculty and staff on the wait-list.

To view shuttle schedule / make a reservation, visit: https://www.parking.uci.edu/services/campus/holidayshuttle.cfm.

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” ~ Oprah Winfrey

Having a Party? The rights of other members of the community should always be taken into consideration.

If a neighbor requests your cooperation in lowering noise levels, please be considerate and keep in mind that their schedule may not be the same as yours.

The quiet hours will still be in effect Sunday through Thursday from 10pm to 8am, and Friday and Saturday from 12 midnight to 8am during the holiday break. Please note that this does not mean that all noise levels are acceptable before these hours. Keep in mind when a police officer responds to a complaint regarding an event, the fines are as follows:

The initial response is considered a “warning”. The second response shall carry a fine of $150.00. The third response shall carry a fine of $300.00. The fourth response shall carry a fine of $600.00.

Make Your Party a Safe Party
• Have plenty of non-alcoholic drinks, water and food available throughout the night.
• Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.
• Arrange for an official designated driver for your party who will not drink at all.

Sustain your relationships with your neighbors by being considerate while still enjoying your holiday festivities.
There are yearly themes for the holiday season we want part of the quarter and into January can be very difficult due to managing midterms, finals, seasonal sickness and the holidays. While there are times that bring joy, happiness and laughter, it may be having or supporting the season that you can use to manage any difficulties you may be having or supporting others who might be struggling!

1. Acknowledge Your Feelings
2. Reach Out
3. Be Realistic
4. Set Aside Differences
5. Stick To A Budget
6. Plan Ahead
7. Learn To Say “NO”
8. Don’t Abandon Healthy Habits
9. Take A Breather
10. Seek Professional Help

Keep Pets Safe During the Holidays
Avoid Holiday pet dangers by steering clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations:

**Holly and Mistletoe** - Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems.

**Tinsel** - Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching “toy” that is easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, dehydration and possible surgery.

**Decorations** - Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws’ reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet’s mouth, throat and digestive tract as well as other serious injuries.

**Chocolate** - All chocolate can be lethal to pets if ingested, so be sure to keep the candy bowls and snack trays well out of your pets’ reach!

**Leftovers** - Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends.

**What NOT To Do With Your Left-Over Holiday Food**

Whether you are preparing a big feast or just having friends over for dinner throughout the holidays, make sure you treat your plumbing appliances right. Your garbage disposal can only handle so much. You do not want to overwork it and you do not want to put things down the sink that can cause harm. When in doubt, throw it out!

**Poultry skin, raw meat or meat with gristle** - Raw meat and poultry skin becomes stringy and can wrap around the blades. Gristle can dull the blades in your garbage disposal and be very difficult to grind up.

**Stringy vegetable and peels** - Fibrous materials are the worst culprit when it comes to damaging your garbage disposal. This includes fibrous materials like 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 the potatoes 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 and weaken havoc.

**Coffee grounds** - These actually seem like they go down fine, but over time, the little grounds build up like sediment in the pipes causing all sorts of trouble.

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

**Rice and pasta** - Basically, every time you turn the water on, the pasta and rice will continue to expand – even after they are ground up.

**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. With all the holiday cooking, the more waste you can throw in the trash, the better. Do your pipes and whole home plumbing system a favor by taking it easy on your garbage disposal this holiday season!

Tips when leaving for your Holiday Trip . . .

Are you the frantic last minute planner, packer or “did I remember to turn off the iron?” type person? There is still much to remember when leaving for a trip that you are bound to forget something. Here are some tips to help:

- Provide the Palo Verde Office with the names and picture ID of those who have keys to enter your home for feeding of cats, etc. in case of a lockout.
- Before leaving home, make sure you lock all your windows and doors. An open window, visible from the street may be the sole reason for an apartment to be selected by a burglar.
- Make sure baseboard heaters and all appliances are turned off - stove, oven, coffee maker, iron, etc.
- Make sure you turn off all your alarm clocks.
- Unplug expensive home electronics, computers and other devices that might be damaged by a power surge.
- Disconnect Internet access to computers.
- Take out the kitchen trash or any other trash that could get smelly.
- Provide friends and neighbors with your itinerary and relevant phone/fax numbers.
- Review the weather conditions for your route and check transportation schedules for delays.
- If traveling by auto, have you car thoroughly serviced and the tires checked.
- Make sure you have your tickets, medications, passports/visas, photo ID’s and money before you walk out the door.

Christmas Tree Disposal – Remove your Christmas tree before it dries out. A dried-out tree is a fire hazard and should not be left in the apartment, garage or placed outside against the building.

Trees should not be left in any of the common areas other than in the dumpster areas. Place your trees next to the dumpster areas (not inside the dumpster) in a location that will not obstruct the walkways or access to the dumpsters. The trees will then be removed and recycled. Trees taller than 4 feet must be cut in half and all decorations (tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands) must be removed.

No Candles at Palo Verde!
As a reminder, candles, even if sealed, are not permitted as part of UCI’s “NO OPEN FLAME POLICY”. Over 70% of the violations noted by the State Fire Marshal are for candles, incense or other open flame materials. Battery operated lights are permitted.

Please remove these hazards from your apartments immediately.

Violations found by the State Fire Marshal may be reported to the UCI Office of Student Conduct.

“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.”
- William E. Vaughan

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