## Housing Information

## Housing Fair https://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/housingfair/

The **Housing Fair** is an annual event that takes place each semester during the month of October. It is an opportunity for students to do one-stop shopping for a new place to live. In October, 50+ leasing agencies and apartment complexes reserve tables in the Memorial Student Center to provide detailed information to students and parents looking for information about living off campus. Local community services, such as the Bryan/College Station police departments and recycling, and university departments, such as Transportation Services and Dining Services, also sponsor booths to provide valuable information to off campus students

#### Aggie Search <a href="https://aggiesearch.tamu.edu/">https://aggiesearch.tamu.edu/</a>

You can access the off campus housing database, AggieSearch, from any computer at any time. On this site, you can quickly search for housing and/or roommates. Narrow your results in an advanced search by selecting a price range, the size of the facility you want to rent, or how far or close to campus you want to reside. You will also find featured properties and new listings on the front page.

#### Accessibility Listing

If you need specific accommodations, such as those for physical, hearing or visual impairments, please view our Accessibility Listing. This document will provide you information on which properties (of those listed in the current Off-Campus Survival Manual) offer specific accommodations. Use ctr + to zoom in!

#### TAA <a href="https://www.taa.org/">https://www.taa.org/</a>

The Texas Apartment Association provides advocacy, education and communication for the Texas rental housing industry. Most leases used in Bryan/College Station are TAA leases. The state of Texas has an extensive property code that outlines your rights and responsibilities as it relates to renting property in Texas. It is important to remember that it is your responsibility to understand what is expected of you as a tenant and how to protect yourself and your property while residing in a rental dwelling.

## Leasing Appointments

Do you have some questions about your lease? Are you trying to better understand what the legal jargon means to you? Student Legal Services can help. We're happy to meet with you about any off campus concerns or questions, including:

- Lease explanation
- Repair issues
- Getting your deposit back
- Moving out early
- Roommate mediation

Just call our office at 979.862.4502 to schedule an appointment. Please bring the **Student Legal Services Intake Form** and pertinent data, documentation, or information to the appointment in order to maximize your ability to take prompt action.

# Renter's Insurance <a href="https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/RentersInsurance">https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/RentersInsurance</a> 2016 0.pdf

We recommend purchasing renter's insurance in order to protect yourself from liability. While most properties cover the physical dwelling, they do not cover your individual belongings. Renter's Insurance covers your valuables as well as any damage you may cause to the building all for a minimal monthly or annual fee. Our office does not recommend particular insurance agencies, but we encourage you to search and choose one that provides the coverage to meet your particular needs.

#### **Roommate Information**

#### Roommate Contract <a href="https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/RoommateContract.pdf">https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/RoommateContract.pdf</a>

Off-Campus Student Services recommends that a Roommate Contract be completed anytime a new lease is signed or a lease is renewed. This document is designed to provide its users the opportunity to establish some guidelines related to the details of their living arrangements. Users are encouraged to spend quality time discussing each section, being as forthright and honest with their opinions as possible. Although designed to be a legally binding agreement, its main purpose is to provide a chance for you to proactively discuss issues that could potentially become areas of conflict. The **contract** can be found in the Off-Campus Survival Manual.

#### Communications https://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/gettingtoknoweachother/

You are your roommate's roommate. Learn how to develop a strong, open roommate relationship. It is important to take time to get to know each other a little bit better before jumping into the semester with classes, activities, work, and whatnot. This resource is excellent for asking those initial questions (where your roommate is from, their family, high school, activities, hobbies, etc.), setting up the lines of communication, and negotiating the initial ground rules for living together.

#### Roommate Conflicts <a href="https://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/commonroommatequestions/">https://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/commonroommatequestions/</a>

There are some common concerns and issues that arise between roommates. Some examples include a roommate moving out before the designated end of the lease or when roommates simply find it impossible to continue living together. Other issues addressed involve the roommate's combined responsibility of bills and the significance of signing a lease. Information is also provided on how to contact local court authorities if the situation leaves no other option besides Justice of the Peace Court.

### **Additional Resources**

# 5 Tips to Help Students Thrive <a href="https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/5-Tips-to-Help-Students-Thrive.pdf">https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/5-Tips-to-Help-Students-Thrive.pdf</a>

Moving to a new area can be challenging for new students! The City of College Station has provided helpful information to assit you in learning how to be a thriving community member. Use these tips to learn about College Station and how to be a good neighbor to make Aggieland your new home away from home.

# Move-In Condition & Inventory <a href="https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/InventoryForm.pdf">https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/InventoryForm.pdf</a>

There is a lot going on when you move into off-campus housing, but make sure to completely a full condition and inventory check of your new residence.

Living Off-Campus Blog https://blog.cstx.gov/2014/08/29/5-handy-tips-to-help-students-thrive-in-cs/

A blog by the City of College Station with information benefical for students living off-campus.

Parking Reminders <a href="https://blog.cstx.gov/2013/10/14/10-game-day-parking-citations-you-can-easily-avoid/">https://blog.cstx.gov/2013/10/14/10-game-day-parking-citations-you-can-easily-avoid/</a>

Want to enjoy Aggie Football and avoid getting parking tickets/towed? Check out this blog by the City of College Station with parking violations to avoid. These parking violations are also seen throughout the year.

#### Bike Map

https://www.cstx.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server\_12410832/File/Departments/Planning%20and%20Development%20Services/Bicycle,%20Pedestrian%20and%20Greenways%20Planning/Bike%20Map.pdf

View the **College Station bike map** to see bike routes around town.

Safety <a href="https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/CollegeAnti-Burglary.pdf">https://studentlife.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/CollegeAnti-Burglary.pdf</a>

Learn how to protect yourself and your belongings. Theft is one of the biggest crimes on and off campus. Make sure you lock your doors and hide your valuables. And if you see something odd, say something!

Frequent Code Violations <a href="https://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/codeviolations/">https://studentlife.tamu.edu/agoss/codeviolations/</a>

Living off campus has its own set of rules: city ordinances. Learn more about common code violations that you can be fined for and how to avoid them.

## **Management & Locator Services**

#### AgPads

1101 Oney Hervey College Station, Texas 77840 979.484.7666 www.agpads.com manager@agpads.com

#### **Aggieland Apartment Finders**

123 Walton Drive College Station, Texas 77840 979.693.4900 www.aggielandapartmentfinders.com

#### Alpha-Omega Properties

2600 E. Villa Maria Road

Bryan, Texas 77802 979.774.7820

www.alphaomegaproperties.com

#### At Home Properties

2501 Texas Ave S, College Station, Texas 77840 979.696.5357 https://athomepm.com/

#### Campus Home

707 Texas Avenue S. Suite 203A College Station, TX 77845 979.776.5079 www.campushomesbcs.com/

#### Luxor Management Group

2112 Walnut Grove Court College Station, TX 77845 979.694.0320

www.luxormanagement.com

#### **United Realty**

727 Graham Rd.
College Station, Texas 77845
979.260.1200
www.united-rico.com

# Can't find what you are looking for? Need additional assistance? Feel free to contact us.

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Texas A&M University
Off-Campus Student Services
TAMU 1257
College Station, TX 77843-1257
In Person:
Student Services at White Creek
837 West Campus Blvd.
College Station, TX 77845

# Flu Shots: <a href="https://shs.tamu.edu/flu-shot">https://shs.tamu.edu/flu-shot</a>

When: October 2 and October 3 Time: 8am – 5pm Where:

- Biochemistry/Biophysics Building: First floor lobby near Ag Cafe (Find BioChem here: aggiemap.tamu.edu)
- Evans Library: First floor lobby near Starbucks (Find Evans here: aggiemap.tamu.edu)
- Memorial Student Center: Second floor, room 2406 (Find the MSC here: aggiemap.tamu.edu)
- Zachry: First floor atrium near E-Quad (Find Zachry here: aggiemap.tamu.edu)

#### Student will need to bring the following:

• Student ID (preferred)

OR

Government ID like a driver's license

- Insurance card
- Cash or check \$30 for payment (if your insurance is not listed below)

A limited number of flu vaccines will be funded by Student Health Services. These usually run out the first day.

The below health insurance plans will be accepted during the Flu Shot Campaign:

- Medicare Part B
- Aetna
- Anthem: CA (PPO only), CO, GA, IN, KY, ME, MO, NV, NH, OH, VA, WI
- BlueCross BlueShield: AZ, IL, KS, MA, TN, TX, NC, RI, Empire BCBS
- Florida Blue
- Healthspring
- Humana
- Independence Blue Cross
- Meritain Health
- Premera Blue Cross
- Priority Health
- Sierra Health and Life
- Summacare

If you do not have the above health insurance plans, you are still welcome to participate in the Flu Shot Campaign. If you do not have an approved health insurance plan, the flu shot will cost \$30. Payment can be made via cash or check.

They will have some forms to fill out for consent, get their shot and be on their way.

If they miss these dates or can't make it they can schedule a flu shot appointment at Student Health Services

Off campus options for shots: (check your insurance for coverage) Walgreens, CVS, HEB Pharmacy