

UCSB Family Student Housing Community Environmental Standards

UCSB Housing & Residential Services aims to provide high quality service to all of our residents, supporting a community environment that is conducive to both living and learning successfully. As reflected in our mission statement, we believe:

- *A community is positively served by responsible social behavior;*
- *Environment affects behavior: A positive environment promotes positive behavior.*

In the UCSB FSH Terms & Conditions we define Community Environmental Standards as the following:

These standards were designed by residents and staff to provide: a) safety for residents and staff, b) the ability for Maintenance and Grounds staff to do their work, and c) protection for the facilities and/or the environment. Compliance also reduces problems with the attraction of rodents and wildlife.

The information below serves to highlight and expand upon our expectations with regard to Community Environmental Standards. All standards fall within the purview of the UCSB FSH Terms and Conditions.

- **Swings and Hammocks – Child Safety/Property Damage/Maintenance**
 - Must be properly installed with approved hardware to prevent damage to trees
 - May not be attached to building
 - Hammocks should be removed after each use and taken down for mowing days
- **Hanging Cords/Ropes – Child Safety**
 - Hanging cords/ropes of any kind on trees or structures are a strangulation hazard.
 - Never attach—or allow children to attach—any kind of loop-forming materials (i.e. ropes, twine, jump rope, pet leash, clothesline, belt, etc.).
 - Do not use ropes that can untwist or separate for swings because they can create an opening in which a child could become entangled.
 - No item can be hung from trees and structures that will create a hazard to children.
- **Plants – Health & Safety/Property Damage/Maintenance**
 - Grounds Department does not maintain areas designated for residents. If not used by resident a work order may be requested to have a Groundskeeper clear weeds.
 - No planting within 2 feet next to buildings, fences, or walls.
 - Soil level must be kept 3 inches below building weep screed to prevent damage to building.
 - Vegetables and bedding plants only
 - No trees, large shrubs or vines
 - No poisonous plants or plants with thorns, sharp points, razor like leaves
- **Play Structures – Grounds Maintenance**
 - Must be marked with your family name and unit address.
 - Must be removed from lawn and placed on patio the night before mowing day.
 - Any and all items left on the lawn during scheduled mowing days will be removed.
- **Pets – Health & Safety/Rodent & Pest Control/Property Damage/Maintenance**
 - All pets must be approved by Residential & Community Living.
 - Do not leave food outside overnight.

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- No permanent cages on lawns or public areas.
- Dogs must be on leash at all times.
- Dogs must not defecate on lawns at any time. They must be taken to designated areas.
- Residents are responsible for picking up feces immediately and disposing of properly.

- **Utility Maintenance and Emergency Repairs – Safety/Maintenance**
 - Never block locations of sewer, water, irrigation sprinklers and other utilities.
 - Minimum of 3 feet clearance is required to clean up plugs, sewer clean ups, water and gas valves, water heater closets, fire extinguishers & cabinets, fire pull stations, exterior stairwells including landings, decks, and walkways.

- **Personal Belongings – Health & Safety/Property Damage/Maintenance**
 - Must be kept on patio/deck and may not be stored in public areas or on lawn/yard space.
 - No potted plants on top of walls or handrails. Plants on decks and walkways must be placed in a water control tray with pot spacers to elevate them above the deck $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches to avoid water damage to decking.
 - Bicycles must be secured in the bicycle racks provided throughout the complex.
 - No storage of gasoline or other flammables, appliances, batteries, car tires, or other hazardous materials.
 - Sheds are not permitted.
 - No cardboard, upholstery furniture, mattresses, or other miscellaneous items that causes clutter should be stored outside of the apartment.
 - Large plants and greenhouses are not permitted.

- **Rodent Management – Health & Safety/Rodent & Pest Control/Maintenance**
 - Do not feed wild animals or leave food outside; bird feeders are not permitted.
 - Do not dispose of kitchen trash in the roll off dumpster (this is for furniture only).
 - Close lids on all dumpsters and do not leave trash on the ground.
 - No compost bins allowed within the apartment complex (there are compost bins at the Community Garden areas of each FSH complex).