APARTMENT LIFE MOVE-IN GUIDE

WELCOME TO COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
HOUSING & DINING SERVICES
**Fort Collins, Colorado**

Fort Collins is a U.S. American college town with a global atmosphere. Old Town Fort Collins was the inspiration for the Disneyland Main Street in California. Old Town is a viable business district with many historic buildings as well as new structures to compliment the original ones. Fashionable clothes, sporting equipment, food markets, ice-cream shops and art galleries can all be found in this unique area.

Outside activity is one of Fort Collins' longest traditions. Besides globally favored sports such as soccer, basketball and volleyball, students can also enjoy hiking, biking, rafting, rock climbing, horseback riding, fishing, and camping through the city park system, the Horsetooth Reservoir, the Poudre Canyon, and other nearby open spaces.

**Colorado State University**

With more than 150 programs of study in eight colleges, Colorado State University offers a world-class education at one of the nation’s top research universities. Academic programs at CSU are among the best in the nation in quality, innovation, and achievement, with internationally known programs in infectious disease, agriculture, cancer research, atmospheric science, sustainability and clean energy, and much more. Enrollment is at about 26,500 students including undergraduate and graduate students; 1,520 faculty members are on staff.

**Weather**

Fort Collins boasts an average of 300 days of sunshine per year! The area also features low humidity, moderate winters and an overall mild year-round climate. You can expect about 15 inches (40 cm) of precipitation each year with about one-third of it in the form of snow.

Because of the dry air and the high altitude, it is important for you to drink a lot of water each day and wear protective sun gear. The average high temperature in the summer months is about 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius). During the winter months you can expect an average high of approximately 45 degrees Fahrenheit (7 degrees Celsius), and temperatures can dip below 0 degrees Fahrenheit (-18 degrees Celsius).

**Airport Transportation**

The most economical way to travel between the Denver International Airport (DIA) and Fort Collins is to take either Greenride or Super Shuttle. Both of these transportation services offer rides every day of the week. Visit Greenride or Super Shuttle’s website for shuttle departure hours. Travel time is approximately 1.5 hours to Fort Collins.
We’re excited to have you join us in the University Apartments! We would like to make your stay in our apartments as comfortable and seamless as possible. The following information and resources will be helpful to you as you move in.

BEFORE YOU GET HERE!
Know your assigned area office business hours:
- Aggie Village Family: 7:30AM – 5:30PM; Sat & Sun 10AM-2PM
- International House & 1500 Apartments: 8AM – 6:30PM; Sat 10AM-2PM
- University Village: 7:30AM – 6:00PM; Sat & Sun 10AM-2PM

CHECKING IN!
You can check in to your apartment any time during business hours. You can also check in after the offices close up until 10 PM by calling the duty phone. We advise you to plan your flight and shuttle transportation to arrive in Fort Collins before 9 PM. You will need to stay in a hotel for the night if you arrive after 10 PM. Expect the check-in process to take about 30 to 45 minutes. You will need to present photo identification (i.e., passport) during check-in.

WHAT TO BRING?
You can choose whether to have your apartment furnished or not furnished. Furnished apartments may include your choice of the following furniture (depending on availability):
- Sofa or loveseat and chair
- Coffee table
- Dining table and chairs
- Beds
  - Single bed (39x80 inches; 99x203 cm)
  - Full Size (54x80 inches; 137x203 cm)
- Chest of drawers
- Study desk and chair

Our kitchens are equipped with a refrigerator and electric stove. Linens, toiletries, kitchenware, dishes, pots and pans, microwaves and other small appliances are not provided. If you are buying linens for one of our beds, please make sure you buy the right dimensions mentioned above. Also, there is no food provided in the apartment. You may want to bring/buy some snacks for your first night in the apartment if you arrive late. If you ask yourself how much money I should bring, a typical student will spend approximately $185 a month on personal expenses. Plan to bring additional money for setting up your apartment.

RENTER’S INSURANCE
We strongly recommend all residents purchase a renter’s insurance policy. There are two main reasons for obtaining renter’s insurance. First is to protect your property against theft or damage. Second is for the liability coverage, to protect you from a civil lawsuit based on your negligence. Every renter’s insurance is slightly different. Shop around for the policy that meets your needs. Feel free to ask your area office for more details!
CAMPUS RESOURCES

RAM WELCOME/ NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
All new and transfer students, whether they are international or domestic students, attend Ram Welcome normally scheduled the weekend before classes start in the fall. For more information, visit Orientation & Transition Programs.

The Office of International Programs and the office of Orientation & Transition Programs host an orientation designed specifically for International Students. During orientation, staff covers topics from immigration to class scheduling, among many others.

RAMCARD/STUDENT ID
Stop by the RamCard Office on the lower level of the Lory Student Center Room 31 to pick up your RamCard. Students, staff, and faculty at CSU are eligible to receive a RamCard. All students must be admitted and registered. Staff and faculty must be entered into the Human Resources database. A $25 charge will be applied for your RamCard, and you should be prepared to have your picture taken 😊

CSU HEALTH NETWORK
The CSU Health Network is a student support service that provides a full range of medical, mental health, and health education and prevention services to optimize the health of students and the campus community.

All domestic graduate students and international students are required to purchase the CSU health insurance plan or show proof of equivalent coverage. Please note that the CSU health insurance plan begins the date that classes begin. It is recommended that students have a temporary insurance coverage up to this date. For more information, please visit CSU Health Network.

CAMPUS RECREATION
The Student Recreation Center is open for drop-in recreation and activities all hours the building is open. Membership is required to use the Student Recreation Center. For additional information of Campus Recreation memberships and services, please visit Campus Recreation.

EMERGENCY TEXTING SERVICE
The Emergency Text Alert System is used to send alerts in the event of an emergency on the Fort Collins campus. The system is only used during a safety emergency or unexpected closing of the campus, such as a snow day. To enroll in service, please visit Emergency Texting Service.

SUSTAINABILITY
We commit to being responsible stewards, actively involving our students, guests and staff in resource conservation, waste reduction, and sustainable practices and programs. For a list of some of our sustainability initiatives, please visit Sustainability.

NETWORK & INTERNET ACCESS
Technology Services provides and monitors data connections and Internet access for residents of the University Apartments. It is highly recommended you bring an Ethernet cable for a wired connection. Wired connections are faster and more reliable than wireless. You should also bring operating system disks and other software that came with your computer. For assistance, you may call (970) 491-4734, between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

CSU also provides a broad scope of computing services. Centralized services are provided by Academic Computing & Networking Services (ACNS) and CSU Libraries. Information on central services for our CSU students can be found on Academic Computing & Networking Services (ACNS) website.

SAFE WALK
Campus Service Officers (CSOs) are students employed by the CSU Police Department. They are available to walk with you anyplace on campus or within a two block radius of campus. Simply call (970) 491-1155.

CSU ATTRACTIONS
Hiking to the “A”
The letter "A" adorns the western hillside of Fort Collins. CSU was formally called Colorado A & M, and students were referred to as “Aggies.” The "A" was first white-washed in 1924. It became a tradition for freshmen to paint the letter every year.

Oval
The oval serves as the heart of CSU. It was designed in 1909 as an aesthetically pleasing way to connect main campus buildings. Surrounding the Oval are historic buildings including Johnson Hall, which was the original student center and the Music Building which was built as a library.
DO YOU NEED TO BUY A CAR?
Students buying a car need to register their new vehicle, have a valid driver’s license, and have car insurance. For more information, visit Division of Motor Vehicles. Also, don’t forget to get your parking sticker at your area office. There is a $21 dollar fee for new driver’s license. Driver’s license offices only accept cash or checks - no credit or debit cards. New driver’s licenses should arrive no later than 30 days.

TRANSFORT
Fort Collins local Transfort bus service offers a multitude of stops close to student living areas and keeps schedules that complement CSU class schedules. You can pick up a bus schedule at your area office. CSU students ride for FREE!!!

ZIP-CAR CAR SHARING SERVICE
Get 24/7 access to Zipcars parked right on campus! Simply reserve online, let yourself in with your Zipcard and drive. Hourly and daily rates always include gas and insurance. For more information, visit Zipcar.

RAM RIDE
Ram Ride is a safe-ride program provided through the Associated Students of Colorado State University. This program provides safe, non-judgmental rides for Colorado State University students with the goal of improving the safety of the Fort Collins community. Rides are provided on Thursday nights from 10PM to 2AM. On Friday & Saturday nights, rides are provided from 10PM to 3AM.

BIKE RENTAL
FC Bike Library allows Fort Collins residents, students, and visitors to borrow a bike for as short as one hour or as long 7 days. FC Bike Library members can enjoy a variety of bicycles and tag-a-longs. Visit their Old Town Square (13 Old Town Square) location where you can choose from a selection of our fleet and find out more about bicycle tours and other activities in Fort Collins. For more information, visit FC Bike Library.

BIKE PURCHASING & REGISTRATION
Fort Collins has a lot of friendly bike stores. We have listed a few below:
- Lee’s Cyclopedia: 202 West Laurel Street
- Road 34: 1213 West Elizabeth Street
- Fort Collins Bike Co-op: 331 North College Avenue
- Recycled Cycles: Lory Student Center, Lower Level North

All bicycles ridden or parked on the CSU campus must be registered with the CSU Police Department. Exceptions to the registration will be made for bicyclists who are visitors to campus. A registration decal, known as a CSU Bicycle License, must be placed on the bicycle. Cost: $10.00. You can purchase your bicycle registration at the CSU Police Department, 750 Meridian Ave, Fort Collins, CO, 80523.
When purchasing electronic appliances for your apartment it is important to choose appliances that are both sustainable and affordable in terms of initial cost as well as yearly energy usage costs. Energy demands from our electronic appliances directly impact the environment and the health of our community. The majority of energy created by Fort Collins utilities comes from the combustion of coal which can affect air quality and releases greenhouse gases. Below are a few tips to keep in mind when making your apartment purchases.

**ENERGY STAR CERTIFIED**
ENERGY STAR is the trusted, government-backed symbol for energy efficiency Remember that energy star not only applies to large appliances such as dishwashers but also common household items like coffee machines and rice cookers.

**ENERGY-SAVING TIPS**
- Replace old appliances to save money on future utility bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Old appliances are inefficient and use a great deal of electricity and water. Newer appliances are also safer.
- Purchase CFL or LED light bulbs. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, CFL’s (compact fluorescent light bulbs) use 75% less energy than regular light bulbs (incandescent).
- Use a clothes line or indoor drying rack for laundry.
- Unplug appliances when they are not in use. Appliances, especially those with clocks and digital displays, pull energy even when you aren’t using them.
- Avoid using a space heater – they use a lot of energy and often pose a fire danger if left unattended.

**CITY REBATE PROGRAMS**
- Be on the lookout for rebates offered by the City for electronic appliances. They are constantly changing and the best way to keep current is to visit the City of Fort Collins’ rebates & programs website (www.fcgov.com/utilities/residential/conserve/rebates-programs). For example, you could get a $50 bill credit for purchasing an Energy Star high-efficiency clothes washer as well as a zero-interest loan.
- Remember you can always take your personal appliances with you when you leave the on campus apartments. If you purchased energy star appliances you will reap the benefits of the energy efficiency on your future monthly energy bills.

If you ever have any questions or need help with ideas please contact the Sustainability Coordinator for Housing & Dining Services, Timothy Broderick, at Tim.Broderick@colostate.edu.