

HMSC Housing FAQ's

The Basics:

HMSC offers several types of communal housing options. There are four person apartments, which include 1 bedroom with two bunk beds, a common bathroom with shower, small kitchen with eat in dining space and a living room. There are also Bunkhouses, which sleep up to 8 in bunkbeds with a bathroom and shower. Bunkhouse kitchens and common living space is in a shared dining hall. No single room or family housing is currently available at HMSC. Faculty housing is in shared modular, each with a large kitchen, living room and laundry room. Each modular has one master bedroom with a queen bed and private bathroom, and two smaller bedrooms each with a bunk bed and a shared bathroom. Faculty housing is only available for HMSC faculty.

What does communal housing mean?

Each apartment and bunkhouse have a single shared bedroom. Personal storage space is limited to a single below bunk drawer and small open wardrobe. All housing options have complete kitchens. The kitchen area has one stove, sink, microwave, refrigerator, toaster, and coffee pot that are shared by all unit occupants, as well as dishes, pots, pans and glass ware. You only need to bring your clothes, personal items & linens (bed sheets, pillow, blankets and towels). The beds are regular twin bunk beds. We do have some linens available to rent upon request. You will need to purchase your own toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning supplies. Chores and house cleaning is the responsibility of all the housing occupants. Please be respectful of your roommate.

Who Can Stay in HMSC Housing?

Students, interns and faculty studying or working at HMSC can utilize the housing available. This includes the various agencies located at HMSC including ODFW, USFW, EPA, NOAA, USGS and the USDA, as well as HMSC community partners, such as OCAq, OCCC, BLM.

Check-in and Key Pick-up Procedures:

If you are arriving between 8:30am-5pm, Monday through Friday

- Please come to the housing office. (see map)

If you are arriving between 10am-4pm, Saturday through Sunday

- Please come in the main entrance of the Visitor's Center, identify yourself to a staff person, let them know you are here for your keys (apartment, bunkhouse or other), they will get them for you. (see map)

If you are arriving on a weekday after 5pm or on a weekend day, before 10am or after 4pm

- When you arrive, please go to the main entrance of the Visitor's Center and call - @ 541-270-0101 and request your keys.
- You can also pick up the receiver on the courtesy phone (in the box - on the wall) to the right of the double doors at the main entrance of the Visitor's Center; it will ring throughout the buildings. (Please be patient--we have limited staffing evenings and weekends). A maintenance/custodial person will answer. Please identify yourself and let them know why you're here; they will get your apartment/bunkhouse keys for you.

PLEASE NOTE: No one will be checked in before 8:30am or after 10:00pm any day of the week.

Once checked in, if you need additional housing assistance that can't wait until business hours, the Resident Assistants live in apartment – Winton #4.

When you pick up your keys, you will receive a “packet” of information. It contains your rental agreement and the housing rules/code of conduct. A couple of specifics are NO PETS, no exceptions (not even fish). Also, there are no overnight guests allowed. You are sharing space, please be considerate of your roommates. OSU has a “right of entry” policy. If we feel the need, we will randomly check bunkhouses/apartments for damage, etc. You will need to read and sign the contract on arrival. You will receive your room assignment upon arrival.

There is also a sheet with information on how to sign up for NIXLE (a free emergency alert system.) You may subscribe on your computer or cell phone. NIXLE allows you to get weather reports, traffic & tsunami warnings.

Rent:

Rent is due at the first of each month. If you arrive mid-month, rent will be prorated by the night. We have no way of accepting “plastic” of any kind. You will need to plan on bringing a personal check, money order, or cash. Rent is based on the number of occupants in your unit, which may change over the duration of your stay. Your starting rent will be set on your rental agreement you sign upon arrival. See <https://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/facilities/housing-0> for more information. Due to limited space, plan on having at least one roommate if not more.

Parking:

There’s parking in front of the apartments. If the spaces are full – we ask that you park at the south end of the library. It will be marked on the map you receive with your keys.

Mail:

Each person will have a mailbox in the mailroom (where the Housing Office is also located). It will be in the boxes on the right side as you walk in the door. Your mailing address will be:

**(your name) c/o Hatfield Marine Science Center
2030 SE Marine Science Dr.
Newport, OR 97365**

If you are having your mail “forwarded” by the post office, PLEASE be sure and check the “*Temporary*” box on the form. They will not forward mail *from* here (when you leave). If you receive packages from UPS, FedEx, etc., we will sign them in on a sheet and notify you by email. When you come to pick up your package, it will be on a white cart – with a “delivery sheet” attached to a clipboard. Please find your name and sign that you have picked up your package.

Internet:

There is wireless internet throughout the housing area. There is no password required. OSU students with an ONID account will be able to use the “OSU secure” network. Non-OSU students can use the “Visitor” network. There is no wireless internet available in the faculty houses.

Laundry:

There are 2-laundry rooms that are shared between the apartments and the bunkhouses. Each has one washer and one dryer (the south laundry has 2 dryers). They are free to use - - - We ask that you do laundry before 11:00pm – there are apartments on both sides of the laundry rooms, it keeps the “neighbors” awake. The washers are “high-efficiency”, so they use less soap than a regular washer. Too much soap causes them to clog.

Common spaces:

Your bunkhouse or apartment key also opens the dining hall and, if in a bunkhouse, the kitchen designated to your unit. You're welcome to use the dining hall. There's a television (that has cable) and a ping pong table— for everyone. The “shared kitchens” are **not** for students living in the apartments. They are **ONLY** for people staying in the bunkhouses. If we do have a group using the bunkhouses, we ask that you are respectful of their space – it's the only place they have for their meals while they're here. Please respect all common spaces including the dining hall, gazebo, laundry rooms, decks and housing grounds.

Recycling:

We have recycling for plastic bottles # 1 and 2, paper, cardboard and cans in the blue bins behind the housing parking. Please note our service **DOES NOT TAKE GLASS**. Clean glass bottles can be put in the white baskets located by the garbage to be recycled. There is also glass recycling at the Rogue Brewery parking lot.

Repairs:

If you need any repairs or have any plumbing or electrical problems, please let the Housing Office know right away so we can have someone will take care of the problem as soon as possible.

Move-out Date:

Your move out date is listed on your rental agreement. If you would like to extend your stay, please email me your request. We will try to accommodate any changes but housing beyond your rental agreement is not guaranteed.

Check-out:

If you are staying with us for more than 14 days, please complete a check-out prior leaving. You will need to meet with the Resident Assistant(s) – they live in Winton #4 – to do a “walk-thru” the apartment/bunkhouse to be sure there's no damage, the trash is out and your area is clean. Upon check out, you will need to turn in your keys and pay the remaining of your rental bill. The Resident Assistant(s) are unable to accept any rent payment. You can drop both keys and payments off at the Housing Office or in the gray drop box by the housing office door in the mail room. The drop box in the mail room can be accessed Monday through Friday from 7am to 6pm through any of the HMSC building doors. On Saturday and Sunday, the building can be accessed from 10am to 4pm through the main entrance of the Visitor's Center.

Last, but not least. Please remember, this is Oregon State University - Student Housing. We are happy to have the opportunity to accommodate you. But, staying here is a privilege – we ask that you treat it as such.

If you have any other questions, please contact the Housing Office:

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