

MOVE-OUT CHECKLIST



Whether you're moving on to bigger and better things or just moving to a new apartment, be sure to do the following before vacating your property. Even if you're leaving, you can still be charged for damages done to your previous property so be sure to be careful when moving out.

- **Know the lease termination date.** When this date comes around, you need to be completely moved out of your apartment. Your date may be different from your roommates so don't assume you all have the same move-out date.
- **Don't procrastinate with packing.** Packing may seem easy, but it takes longer than you think. Start 30 days before you have to move to avoid last minute stress.



- **Be equipped.** Have plenty of boxes, tape, blankets, a dolly, cleaning supplies, a vacuum, steam cleaner, and spackle to make your apartment ready for the next tenant. Local grocery stores or Wal-Mart may have free cardboard boxes to give away if you ask them in advance before they break them down.

• **Moving truck, company, storage unit...oh, my!** If you think you may use any of these, call ahead and reserve the vehicle or help. Lots of people are moving at the same time so you want to make sure that you have one. Remember, you could have your friends and family help you out for the cost of a couple of pizzas and avoid using the moving company.

• **Be green and clean.** If you have furniture you know you will not bring with you, instead of trashing it, see if someone else can use it. Word of mouth, posting on OCL's Message Boards (see ad to the right), or Goodwill or the Salvation Army can help you get rid of your unwanted furniture.

• **Click and shoot.** Take pictures of your apartment after your belongings are out to show the condition of the property. Note any damages or repairs done.

• **Walk it out.** Have your landlord or apartment manager do a walk-through of your apartment with you. Try to schedule this a couple days before your lease ends so you have time to repair anything they may note. Have your landlord sign your move-out checklist.

• **Clean!** Thoroughly clean your apartment to avoid being charged for any cleaning services the complex may have to use.

• **Deposit date.** Ask your landlord or apartment manager for the specific date you will receive your safety deposit.



UPCOMING OCL EVENTS

Wednesday, 4/14:
Total Wellness Lunch Series
Reitz Union 284 11:45AM-12:35PM

Learn how to achieve balance from representatives wellness aspects: physical, nutritional, alternative medicine, and mental.



Thursday, 4/15:
Breakfast Club
DSO Conference Room
(202 Peabody Hall)
9:30-10:30AM

Enjoy a free breakfast, share off campus concerns, and get housing search tips from OCL staff.

VISA TALENT SHOW

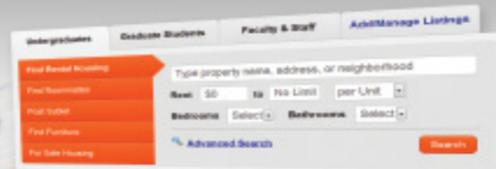
VISA, the Volunteers of International Student Affairs, invites you to the VISA Talent Show, the premier dance competition that showcases several popular UF dance troupes.

When: Thursday, April 15, 2010

Where: O'Connell Center
Time: 7:00PM-10:00PM

Admission is free and open to the public.

looking for a
place
to live?



Try our FREE Housing Locator!

A FREE service that can be found through the Off Campus Life website designed with your needs in mind! Search based on many criteria including price, number of bedrooms, distance to campus and MUCH more.

www.offcampus.ufl.edu

Services include:
Apartments for rent
Houses for rent
Houses/condos for sale
Post or search for sublets
Furniture/stuff for sale



SUMMER FUNDING

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship does not fund summer study so be sure to know of other financial aid options available to you. First, make sure you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to be eligible for financial aid.

Go to <http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/receiving/summeraid.html> for more details on summer aid available to you.

The Student Financial Aid Office also hosts free workshops for students. Look on the Student Financial Aid Office website for more information or join their facebook group, UF Office for Student Financial Affairs.

Summer campus employment options are available, as well. Go to <https://jobs.ufl.edu> to search job opportunities. If you are planning to work in the community, start searching now as many businesses may be looking for help to take the place of student employees leaving for the summer.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Transitioning from being an undergraduate student to the work force or graduate/professional school can be challenging. Change is going to happen and the best thing to do is to prepare yourself for it. Realize that with the current economic state and with the average job search lasting about 6 months, finding employment may be challenging. It

is still possible to find a job, but do not get discouraged if you do not immediately find a job upon graduation.

If you are moving back home or to a new city, be prepared for a readjustment period. You may be moving with friends or alone, but prepare yourself with realistic expectations of transition. Adjusting to your new environment may take no time or a couple of months, but just be prepared for changes, for better or worse. Best of luck to you in your future endeavors!

THE BEST CAMPUS RESOURCE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

Ombudsman...funny-sounding word, important function. As stated on the Ombudsman website at <http://www.ombuds.ufl.edu/>, the Ombudsman is a university professional who assists students in resolving problems and conflicts that arise in the course of interacting with the institution. By considering problems in an unbiased way, the Ombuds works to achieve a fair resolution and works to protect the rights of all parties involved. The Ombuds works with academic matters, including disagreement over grading. If you have concerns, contact your instructor, first. But, if after going through the appropriate channels still leaves your issue unresolved, the Ombudsman can help and really be a valuable resource to you.

SUMMER SUBLEASING

If you know you are looking to sublet your apartment, list your property availability on OCL's free housing locator service at <http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu>. Also, let your apartment management know ASAP that you are subleasing; they may be able to help you with your search. Make sure the person you sublet to is responsible and will take care of the rent and property obligations.



If you have any questions about your lease including if you are able to sublease, bring a copy of your lease to Student Legal Services on the 3rd floor of the Reitz Union. They can look over your lease with you for free. Call (352) 392-LAWS to schedule an appointment.

SUMMER SKIN CARE

With the upcoming sunny, warm weather, be sure to keep yourself safe from skin diseases. Below are tips on how to protect yourself from the sun.

- When possible, avoid sun exposure from 10AM to 4PM
- Wear sunscreen of at least SPF 15 or higher.
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before exposure and reapply every two hours or more often if sweating or coming out of the water.
- Wear a broad brimmed hat.
- Avoid tanning beds.
- Wear sunglasses that have 100% UVA and UVB protection that wrap around the sides.
- Never allow yourself to burn.
- Use moisturizers or lotions that have an SPF of 15 for daily use if exposed.
- Use a UV lip block.
- Keep hydrated. Drink plenty of water while you're out in the sun.



"KICKIN IT FOR THE KIDS" KICKBALL TOURNEY



Host: UF's Health Administration Student Association
What: 2nd "Annual Kickin It For the Kids!" Kickball Tournament
When: April 11, 2010, 9am-3pm
Where: Northeast Field (400 NE 16th Avenue)
Registration is \$10 per player. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs.
For questions or to register contact Lexi Wynne, lexilou@php.ufl.edu.

FREE TAX PREP FOR INCOMES LESS THAN \$49,000



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a free tax service that prepares returns for low to moderate income clients. All volunteers are certified through the IRS. Sites are located throughout Gainesville including the law school and Santa Fe College downtown campus. Volunteers are filing taxes until April 8. Call the United Way at 352-331-2800 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to ask for tax services.

If your family made less than \$49,000 in income in 2009, you should qualify you for free tax services. Why pay to get your taxes prepared when you can have an expert maximize your refund for free! For questions, contact Kimberly at kim.s.thomas@ufl.edu.

Keep in mind that you need your tax information in order to file your FAFSA. Take advantage of this free tax filing services to help prepare your FAFSA form.

PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE...

and get outdoors to enjoy the beautiful Spring weather! Lake Wauberg offers volleyball, disc golf, boating, climbing wall, sailing, canoeing, mountain biking, and much more. Lake Wauberg is free for all UF students. Bring your Gator 1 ID card and head south on 441 to Lake Wauberg. Go to <http://www.recsports.ufl.edu/lake-wauburg.aspx> for more information.

GET PUBLISHED IN OCL'S MAGAZINE!

The Gator Guide to Off Campus Life is OCL's annual full-color, magazine-style publication. The Gator Guide includes tips on budgeting, finding appropriate housing and roommates, and local and campus resources available to students. This year, we are including pictures and quotes from you, the student.

Submit a quote sharing your thoughts on off campus life. Submit quotes to leahv@offcampus.ufl.edu If your quote is published, we will also print a picture of you. Please keep quotes and pictures appropriate. No profanity, nudity, or inappropriate content is allowed.

Along with quotes, submit your design for the front cover. The front cover is 8 1/2" x 11" and full color. Any form of art--photography, graphic design, etc. is welcomed. The focus is off campus life. Send front cover design submissions in PDF format to OCL Director Nora Kilroy at norak@offcampus.ufl.edu.

The Gator Guide goes out to over 10,000 students and gets 10-15,000 hits on our website. Get a group of your friends together and take advantage of this opportunity to be included in a University publication!

APARTMENT MANAGER'S CORNER *This portion of the newsletter is written by local apartment managers.*

Make Some \$ by Referring Friends
The biggest compliment that a business can get is to be referred. Refer friends, family or anyone you know who is seeking a new home. Referrals help residents in that:

- They have neighbors to visit
- Most communities offer referral fees
- The office staff loves it
- Makes for great social events at a community



LOCAL ART SHOW

Be part of North Central Florida's oldest annual arts event and spring tradition - the 41st Annual Santa Fe College Spring Arts Festival, Saturday and Sunday, April 10th & 11th, 2010. The Santa Fe Spring Arts Festival, one of the three largest annual events in Gainesville, is known for its high quality artwork and unique setting. The festival is held in the downtown historic district, nestled amid restored turn-of-the-century homes, stately palms and abundant azaleas. More than 130,000 visitors are anticipated. Go to <http://www.sfcollge.edu/springarts/> for more information.