

Air Conditioner Policy

Summer 2024

Air conditioning within apartments/units is not provided by University Housing & Residence Life (UHRL). During Summer 2024, UHRL will permit air conditioner units that meet the parameters below. This is a trial program, and the policy may be changed with seven days' notice if there are substantial electrical service issues.

Air conditioner units require a considerable amount of electrical capacity to operate; in order to manage limited electrical capacity in UHRL facilities, Residents are permitted to purchase and operate their own air conditioner unit within their assigned unit under the following conditions:

- Air conditioning units are permitted for use from June 15 – September 15, 2024.
- UHRL cannot guarantee that the electrical capacity will support air conditioning units in all apartments/units.
- Units in Montgomery must not exceed 5,000 BTU (DOE) cooling capacity and 9 amps per apartment/unit.
- Units in other buildings must not exceed 6,000 BTU (DOE) cooling capacity and 11 amps per apartment/unit.
- This is an example of an [approved air conditioner unit](#).
- Only one air conditioning unit per unit/apartment is permitted.
- Residents should not use other items with higher electrical needs, such as a hair dryer, microwave, and other small kitchen appliances while using an air conditioning unit. Blackstone residents should not use an outlet near the kitchen and should use a bedroom outlet for the air conditioner unit in one-bedroom units.
- Residents are fully responsible for the operation and maintenance (including regular removal of condensed water) of their personal air conditioning unit and are responsible for any damage caused to any apartment/unit by an air conditioning unit.
- Window-mounted air conditioning units and any type of unit that requires permanent installation are not permitted. Air conditioning units must be portable and on wheels/casters, and not have any parts that protrude outside a window.
- Residents must use a window kit for external exhaust tubing. These products are likely to work in the noted buildings:
 - Blumel, Broadway, Ondine and Epler: [Window Kit for casement and awning windows](#)
 - Montgomery, Blackstone, and Epler: [Window Kit for double-hung windows](#)
- UHRL staff will not assist in the purchase, installation, or repair of any air conditioning units.
- Residents must remove any tape residue left by window kits. Residents are encouraged to use the least amount of tape products possible for install.
- Residents are solely responsible and liable for any consequences of using a unit over allowed BTUs, including but not limited to the consequences of power failures affecting that unit or other units. This may include the cost of replacing food and medicines requiring refrigeration, or other consequences affecting other residents.