



# TEMPORARY HOUSING AT ODU

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE NEWSLETTER

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## What is Temporary?

Students are assigned to temporary tripled spaces because the demand for on-campus housing has exceeded our current capacity. Each year there are situations where students do not show up for their fall assignments or withdraw during the fall semester; creating spaces in on-campus housing. At Old Dominion University, the Office of Housing & Residence Life (OHRL) has identified temporary living options for students. Students are assigned into these spaces according to a “first come – first served process” based upon the date the housing application fee was received by the University. Generally, students will be moved out of the triple spaces according to the date in which the University received the housing application fee. The Office of Housing & Residence Life will make every effort to keep moves within the originally assigned hall, to keep students close to the friendships they develop within the community. In many cases, students assigned to a temporary space will receive a new permanent assignment prior to arriving to campus.

## What is a Triple?

Triple occupancy living spaces are the third spot in a traditional double or two-person room. To create a temporary space, a third bed, dresser, desk and desk chair are added to the traditional larger double room, and a third roommate is assigned. Residents are asked to share the closet space in the room. We have created 100 triple spaces this fall in larger double rooms located in the England House, Scotland House, Rogers Hall, and Gresham Hall.

Again, as vacancies are identified this summer and within the first two weeks of the semester, OHRL will reassign one of the students from the triple so that the

room reverts back to a double. Generally, the student with the latest housing deposit will be reassigned. After the first two weeks, students will be given the option of remaining in the room through the fall semester or will be moved as vacancies occur to be sensitive to established relationships in the community. OHRL staff will work with students, supporting every student through this transition period.

## How do you know if you are the third spot in the room?

Please review the room assignment information listed online. Each person in a room is designated with a letter after the room number, and those students with a “c” after their room numbers are the residents who will be relocated. These students are designated based upon the date the housing application fee was received by the University.

## ADJUSTMENTS TO STUDENT BILL

Students assigned to and still in a temporary space after September 8, 2009 will receive a credit to their spring semester housing bill based upon the temporary housing daily rate of \$7 per day. All students in each room used for temporary housing will receive this credit.

## MOVING ASSISTANCE

In preparation of any students moving out of a triple room, moving boxes will be provided, accessible through the students’ Hall Director.

# IF YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO A TRIPLE ROOM

## Questions and Answers

**Q: What tips do you have to make this situation a positive experience for all three of us?**

A: First and foremost, communicate with each other and include both your permanent and temporary roommate in decisions about your room. Be considerate of each other and share space. For now, leave large items (such as a sofa) at home. Lastly, have fun! You have not one, but two people with whom you can study and socialize... make the most of it!

**Q: Do you have any tips for what I should bring or leave at home since I will have to move?**

A: Yes—bring only the necessities. Leave things such as heavy winter clothing, futons, and extensive room decorations at home until you make your move into your permanent room. Remember, you'll be sharing a room with two other people.

**Q: If I move, will I have to move to a different floor/hall/community?**

A: After Move-In, the residence hall staff will work closely with you to place you in a preferred community. Space availability and priority will dictate moves.

**Q: What if I want to remain in temporary housing assignment?**

A: Temporary housing spaces are designed to provide a temporary space for you until unknown cancellations are confirmed; we do not anticipate the need to use this space on a permanent basis. If we are unable to locate you a permanent space prior to the second week of classes our staff will work with you to accommodate your request to reside in your current room for the fall semester.

**Q: If I want to be roommates with the “third roommate”, – the one in the triple space – can you accommodate this request?**

A: It depends. If you or your roommate as the original occupant of the room willingly chooses to swap places with the student assigned to the triple space, we will honor that request. However for this to occur, all three occupants should schedule an appointment with the Residence Hall Director to further discuss in detail the implications of this decision.

**Q: What if I don't like my new assignment or my roommate?**

A: There will be a room change period in the beginning of fall semester. If you are unhappy with your assignment or roommate, you may request to change rooms through the room change process if space is available. Please see your Resident Assistant for more information and they will be happy to guide you through this process. Our Resident Assistant staff participates in rigorous training to help you with mediation and conflict resolution should you need additional assistance.

**Q: On what specific day will the third roommate be moved?**

A: Unfortunately, we cannot give you a specific day at this time. Each aspect of the move depends upon the previous action. Your move will occur after “no shows” are identified, and we are able to verify the space is free for you to move in.

**Q: When will the third set of furniture get removed?**

A: Temporary furniture will be moved out shortly after your third roommate completes the move into their permanent room.

**Q: I still have more questions. Who can I call?**

Feel free to contact us at the Office of Housing and Residence Life either by sending an email to [housing@odu.edu](mailto:housing@odu.edu), by calling our office toll free at 1-800-766-0833, or by calling us direct at 757-683-4283. Our office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. ❖