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HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE NEWSLETTER // DECEMBER 2025

WINTER RECESS INFORMATION

It's hard to believe how quickly this semester has flown by! We've spent the fall hosting events, supporting students and working to create a home-away-from-home. As we head into December, our focus turns to preparing students for the winter recess.

Key dates to know:

- **Residence halls close: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12**
- Residence halls reopen: 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10
- Food service resumes: Monday, Jan. 12
- WMU and Housing offices closed: Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. - Jan. 5 at 9 a.m.

If your student is coming back this spring:

Students do not need to move out for the break. They should prepare their room following the [directions provided](#) to them and pack anything they will need during break. They will not have access to their hall Dec. 13 - Jan. 9. Students may return any time after the residence halls reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 10.

If your student is *not* returning to WMU:

They should request to cancel their housing contract through the housing portal. Once approved, they'll receive an email with checkout instructions.

If a roommate moves out:

Students are asked to keep the second half of their room clear for a potential new roommate in January. Housing does not send notifications about new roommate assignments, but students can check the "View My Spring Assignment" section of the housing portal to see if someone new is listed.

Changing your meal plan for Spring:

Students may change their [meal plan](#) once between Dec. 1 and Jan. 30, 2026 via the housing portal.

Campus Apartment Residents:

Apartment residents retain access to their units throughout winter recess. If an issue or emergency arises, they should contact campus police, who remain on duty during the holiday closure.