



# North Dakota State University Welcome Home Together we can make a difference

University Apartment Newsletter  
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## Important Apartment Information

### Community Living

- Please report any suspicious activity you may see around the apartment area.
- Keep our community clean by not littering!
- Please be patient with the repairs being done in the village.
- Be prepared for more people arriving once school starts!

**University Village Antenna Service** – The basic antenna service provided for University Village is no longer paid for by NDSU after May 30, 2008. This means that if there are problems with your TV reception after this date it will be your responsibility to have this repair made. The reason for this is because of the transition to digital in February, 2009.

TV sets that currently receive programming through cable or satellite are not likely to be affected by the transition. However, TV sets that rely on “over the air” broadcasting with an antenna (set-top or rooftop) to receive a signal will be affected by the cutoff of analog broadcasts in 2009. You will need to consider one of the following options:

Purchase a digital-to-analog converter box that plugs into an existing television. The boxes, which are expected to cost \$40-70 will be available for purchase in 2008. Beginning in February 2008, U.S. households can request up to two coupons valued at \$40 each. Each coupon can go toward the purchase of a single set-top converter box that will allow you to continue watching FREE “over-the-air” television on an analog set.

Subscribe to cable, satellite or telecommunications service provider if all desired local broadcast stations are carried by that service.

Purchase a new television set with a built in digital tuner.

This information and further answers to questions you may have can be found at [www.dtvtransition.org](http://www.dtvtransition.org).

**Repairs in your Apartment** – Please report any repair issues to our service and repair staff at 1-7282. If it is after hours or on the weekend, please contact any of the complex managers for assistance.

**Renter’s Insurance** – NDSU does not provide coverage for personal loss of a tenant’s possessions which are in University housing. All tenants are encouraged to obtain renter’s insurance to cover any loss of personal belongings due to fire, water damage, mechanical issues, or any other type of disaster.

**Fall Semester Hours** – The University will change back to “normal” hours beginning Monday, August 18, 2008 and be open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please make sure that you make the necessary changes in your schedule.

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## Children’s Safety and Parking Lots

**An area that continues to need improving at this time is the area of child safety.** In all of the apartment areas, but especially in University Village, there have been children playing in parking lots. This should not be happening at any time. Bikes have been found in the middle

of the parking lots that belong to young children. Because they are too young to do it themselves, please remember to pick up the bikes and return them to the bike racks. Also, please pay attention to where your children are at all times. Recently there have been close calls in the parking lots where

an accident may have occurred if the driver had not been paying extra attention. It is important to remember that the parking lot area is reserved for parking cars and that children should not be playing where moving vehicles are in motion. For your children’s safety, be careful.

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**How May We Help You?**

If you have questions or concerns please contact a complex manager

- Sisika Ranaweera and Mangala Ganehiarachchi:  
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Phone: 231.4177
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181 University Village  
Phone: 231.4175

**Apartment Repairs**

Please call Service & Repair at 231.7282. Please be ready with your name, apartment #, telephone # and a description of the problem.

## Bed Bugs

### What are bed bugs?

Bed bugs are small wingless insects that feed solely upon the blood of warm-blooded animals. Their color ranges from nearly white (just after molting) or a light tan to a deep brown or burnt orange. Because they never develop wings, bed bugs cannot fly. When disturbed, bed bugs actively seek shelter in dark cracks and crevices.

### Where do bed bugs occur?

Bed bugs and their relatives occur nearly worldwide. They are most abundant in rooms where people sleep, and they generally hide nearest the bed or other furniture used for sleeping. Bed bugs are most active in the middle of the night, but when hungry, they will venture out during the day to seek a host. Favored hiding sites include the bed frame, mattress and box spring. Clutter around the room offers additional sites for these bugs to hide, and increases the difficulty in eliminating bed bugs once they have become established.

### How do bed bugs invade a home?

Because bed bugs readily hide in small crevices, they may accompany (as stowaways) luggage, furniture, clothing, pillows, boxes, and other such objects when these are moved between apartments, homes and hotels. Used furniture, particularly bed frames and mattresses, are of greatest risk of harboring bed bugs and their eggs.

### What can you do to manage bed bugs?

**Reduce clutter** to limit hiding places

for bed bugs.

**Thoroughly clean** the infested rooms as well as others in the residence. Scrub infested surfaces with a stiff brush to dislodge eggs, and use a powerful vacuum to remove bed bugs from cracks and crevices. Dismantling bed frames will expose additional bug hiding sites. Remove drawers from desks and dressers and turn furniture over, if possible, to inspect and clean all hiding spots.

Mattresses and box springs can be permanently encased with special mattress bags. Once they are installed, inspect the bags to ensure they are undamaged; if any holes or tears are found, seal these completely with permanent tape. Any bugs trapped within these sealed bags will eventually die.

To prevent bed bugs from crawling onto a bed, pull the bed frame away from the wall, tuck sheets and blankets so they won't contact the floor, and place the frame legs into dishes or cups of mineral oil.

Contact the Residence Life office immediately. Tenants have an obligation to cooperate with landlords. This includes preparing the apartment so that the pest control company can easily inspect the rooms and treat if necessary.

### What shouldn't you do?

Do not dispose of furniture that is useful. Infested furniture can be cleaned and treated. Placing infested furniture (particularly mattresses) into common areas or on the street may simply help spread bed bugs to the homes of other people. Infested furniture intended for disposal should be defaced to make it less attractive to other people.

## Program Success! Bug Mania!

