

Tips and Need-to-Know Info:

- Do not sign a lease until you have read it, and be sure you have a copy of the completed lease agreement.
- Take a digital camera to help you remember places.
- Try to go by the apartment/house at night to check for any safety concerns.
- A deposit of at least one month's to two month's rent is usually required.
- Before you actually move in, document any damage in the apartment with a digital camera and send a copy to the apartment office.
- Websites that can be very helpful:
 - <http://living.apartments.com/category/apartment-basics/>
 - <http://apartments.about.com/od/evaluatingtheapartment/bb/apartmentcheckl.htm>
 - <http://www.ncpc.org/cms/cms-upload/ncpc/files/aptchk.pdf>
 - http://www.rentnet.com/apartments/mme/student/tip/apartment_checklist.jhtml

Off-Campus Housing Worksheet – to help you during your search

	Apt 1	Apt 2	Apt 3	Apt 4
<i>Apartment Address</i>				
<i>Name & Number of Contact</i>				
<i>Rent</i>				
<i>Living Room</i>				
<i>Kitchen</i>				
<i>Bedrooms</i>				
<i>Bathroom(s)</i>				
<i>Utilities</i>				
Telephone				
Water				
Heat (Electricity/Gas)				
Other				
<i>Deposit amount</i>				
Refundable/Non-refundable?				
<i>Furnished/Unfurnished?</i>				
<i>Miscellaneous Items</i>				
Who takes care of apartment maintenance and maintenance expenses?				
Other tenant opinions				
Security				
Transportation to/from ODU				
Other Notes/Thoughts				

