



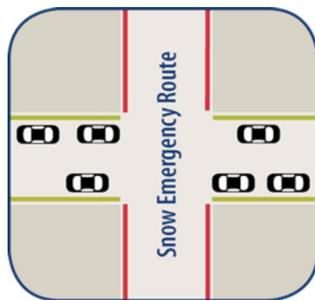
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

From the Office for Off-Campus Living

December 2019

Happy holidays, gophers! As things are starting to wrap up pretty quickly, make sure that you get ahead for the next semester and use your break to your advantage! Whether it's prepping for your next classes, maintaining and cleaning your house or apartment, applying for jobs, or getting gear for the early winter tundra of 2020. Next semester will be here before you know it, so use the articles below to get more informed on off-campus living at the University of Minnesota!

-Your Off-Campus Liaisons



Day 1
9 p.m. - 8 a.m.



Day 2
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Day 3
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

What Do I Do During a Snow Emergency?

Be prepared for snow emergencies when living off-campus. If you are parking along the street, there are certain rules you have to follow in order to get our streets plowed. Parking among Snow Emergencies is a 3 day process, detailed below:

Day 1

Do not park on either side of the street with the red sign: Snow Emergency Route. Snow

plows will clear those streets first.

- A Snow Emergency will be declared no later than 6 p.m. on any given day. At 9 p.m. on that day, Snow Emergency parking rules begin.
- Park on either side of non-Snow Emergency routes (these streets DO NOT have the red sign: Snow Emergency Route).
- After a street is fully plowed, feel free to park there, even if Snow Emergency parking rules are still in effect. Fully plowed means the street is completely cleared and plowed as wide as possible. Plows may come through more than once, so make sure that it is fully plowed as wide as possible before parking.

Day 2

At 8 a.m., Day Two parking rules begin.

Do not park on the EVEN side of non-Snow Emergency routes (Example: house address number: 1356 Maple or 2512 17th Ave.).

Do not park on either side of parkways.

- Park on the odd side of non-Snow Emergency Route streets (example: house address number 1359 Maple or 2513 17th Ave.).
- Park on either side of streets with the red sign: Snow Emergency Route.
- After a street is fully plowed, feel free to park there, even if Snow Emergency parking rules are still in effect. Fully plowed means the street is completely cleared and plowed as wide as possible. Plows may come through more than once, so make sure that it is fully plowed as wide as possible before parking.

Day 3

At 8 a.m., Day Three parking rules begin.

Do not park on the ODD side of non-Snow Emergency Route streets (example: house address number 1359 or 2513 17th Ave.).

- Park on even side of non-Snow Emergency Route streets. (Example: house address number: 1356 Maple or 2512 17th Ave.)
- Park on either side of streets marked with the red sign: Snow Emergency Route and you may park on parkways.
- After a street is fully plowed, feel free to park there, even if Snow Emergency parking rules are still in effect. Fully plowed means the street is completely cleared and plowed as wide as possible. Plows may come through more than once, so make sure that it is fully plowed as wide as possible before parking.

(via the [City of Minneapolis](#))



OCL Cookbook: Tomato Eggs (Famously known to the Chinese palate as 西红柿炒鸡蛋)

Take the time over break to better yourself in the kitchen, eat healthier, and save money while cooking! Check below for the instructions on how to make our OCL tomato eggs, provided by our very own OCL Cookbook team!

Step 1:

Chop up some tomatoes and cook em' up for a few minutes until the the tomatoes are a bit runny. Add a bit of ketchup and sugar, mix well all up in the pan with the tomatoes.

Step 2:

Take tomatoes out of pan, put in bowl off to the side. (Total cook time to this point 3-5 minutes)

Step 3:

Whisk up some eggs in a separate bowl, add salt to the whisked eggs. Now put some oil in the same pan used to cook the tomatoes and scramble these eggs up!

Step 4:

Once eggs are no longer runny, add the tomatoes back in.

Step 5:

Mix it all up and squadoosh, you have yourself some mighty fine tomato eggs. Serve on rice to maximize the experience!



Prepare for Winter Break!

Winter break is around the corner, which means students will be leaving to head back to their hometowns. With that in mind, here are a few things that you should do to prepare your place before leaving town.

- Unplug items that aren't needed over the break.
- Make sure all windows and doors are shut and locked.
- Move your vehicles to a no-tow area or leave your keys with a friend who can move it on the street should a snow emergency occur.
- Let your neighbors (who will be staying) know how long you will be gone to watch your place for you or shovel your walk if needed.
- Leave a light on, preferably on a timer.
- Arrange for pets to be taken care of.
- Don't leave stuff in the fridge that will spoil.
- Make sure your mail is secured.
- Make sure to set your heat at the correct temperature so pipes don't freeze.
- Don't forget to clean!

If you are staying here over the winter break make sure to look out for your fellow neighbors and keep our community safe and clean.



Staying Warm in the Twin Cities

As the temperature continues to drop, make sure you are prepared and dressed appropriately when your walking to class, work, or anywhere far from home. Frostbite and hypothermia have dangerous consequences, so it's important that we avoid from getting to that point, and keeping our body healthy and warm. Here are some tips for you if your going to be outside in this cold weather:

- Warm yourself first before going outside. It's important that your leave indoors warm, because it's easier to change your body temperature than the room temperature. Drink a warm drink, or put another layer on.
- Wear a hat or earmuffs. Ears get cold easily in frigid temperatures, so through a hat on and forget how your hair looks when you take it off! (OCL tip: tuck a dryer sheet in your hat, it helps your hair stay in place when you take your hat off.)
- Double-layer your socks, depending on your shoes/boots. The ground (especially with snow) is the coldest part of outside. With walking through the snow-covered sidewalks of campus, it's important that you keep your feet warm. Because if your not wearing thick shoes or insulated boots, you'll find your feet to be stiff within minutes of walking.
- Wear a scarf. The winds in the cities, especially near campus, can get strong and brutal. Wearing a scarf helps protect your neck/face from getting exposed to the chilling draft.

And for those who have the option to not walk in this chilling weather...

- Take an uber/bus ride/car ride once in awhile. If you rely on walking to classes/work or anywhere else as a part of your weekly exercise, it is much more important that you keep your body warm and healthy rather than getting those extra steps in. So treat yourself and stay warm.

(via [Mental Floss](#))

	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Burglary From Motor Vehicle	Homicide	Motor Vehicle Theft	Robbery	Sexual Assault	Theft
Cedar-Riverside	2	2	16	0	2	5	2	23
Marcy-Holmes	4	9	15	1	7	6	0	32
Prospect Park	1	2	11	0	3	2	1	29
SE Como	0	6	4	0	8	1	0	10

GopherWatch Monthly Safety Report: **November**

Prepared by the Office of Off-Campus Living and neighborhood partners.

Crime Highlights:

- A homicide occurred near the 600 block of Main Street SE on Saturday, November 16th at 10:13PM near the Stone Arch Bridge.
 - The victim was pronounced dead after being transported to Hennepin County Medical Center.
 - The victim died of a gunshot wound.
 - Witnesses reported hearing two gunshots, and reported suspect information to police. The Minneapolis Police Department is investigating.
- A robbery and assault occurred near 15th Avenue SE and Rollins Avenue SE on Wednesday, November 20th at 3:07PM.
 - The suspect was described as a male in his 20's wearing a black hoodie and grey track pants.
 - The Minneapolis Police Department is investigating.

Safety Notes:

Historically, burglaries increase in Off-Campus community during winter break (December 19-January 21) at the University of Minnesota, as many renters leave for this time of year.

- Prevention Tips:
 - **Turn/keep interior and exterior lights on.** Dark houses are easy targets for burglars. It is best to use energy efficient bulbs with timers.
 - **Tell a trusted neighbor that you will be gone.** Ask them to keep a watchful eye on your home/apartment.
 - **Do not let mail pile up.** This is a way that burglars find unoccupied homes. Have a friend or neighbor collect your mail.
 - **Shovel your walk.** Make a plan to ensure your sidewalk is shoveled. This is another easy way to identify an unoccupied home/apartment.
 - **Call 911 with suspicious activity.** If you see someone checking doors or looking into windows of a home, call and report.

Renting

Many students are looking for fall 2020 housing later now. Know that you do not need to feel rushed while checking out apts or houses. YOU HAVE TIME TO SIGN!

There are plenty of places to rent within 1/2 a mile to a mile of campus and new complexes get added each year recently. Locations closest to campus will fill first, but those are also the most expensive. Keep your budget in mind and don't sign on for more than you can actually afford because you feel rushed.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Use the [request form](#) to contact us for these or other local opportunities to volunteer! We also welcome student organizations to sign up for volunteer opportunities in the near neighborhoods through us as well!

Suggestions?

Have you ever had an idea of a way the Neighborhood Liaisons could help improve the community? Please reach out to us! We are always looking for opportunities to improve the area we live in. Contact us by email, and a liaison will be in contact

In particular, we'd like to remind students looking for housing to be careful & vigilant in their housing search. It is crucial to do your research about [the property & the landlord prior](#) to signing your lease.

And as always, feel free to check out our [other resources](#) on our website as well.

with you ASAP!

Questions about your lease or landlord?

If you're a U of M student, be sure to get your potential lease looked at by Student Legal Services before signing. They can point out any red flags and help you in making your choice.

[Make an appointment](#)

Social Media

That's right! If the newsletter is not for you, give us a follow on our 5-star rated Facebook page, our beautifully photographed Instagram page, or our newly revamped Twitter page! They offer frequent updates for those living off-campus to stay noticed on upcoming events for students.

Facebook: [@offcampusgopher](#)

Instagram: [@offcampusgopher](#)

Twitter: [@OffCampusGopher](#)

OCL now has a YouTube page, where all original content will be published! Check below for videos on local housing, safety, and more!

YouTube: [UMN Off-Campus Living](#)

Local and University Held Events

Ever find yourself twiddling your thumbs on the weekend, wishing you were experiencing the Twin Cities like you should?

Then look no further than these resources that can get you familiar with the area and experience within the Minnesotan culture!

[University Events](#)

[Minneapolis and St. Paul Events](#)

OCL Mission:

Off-Campus Living empowers students to build connections on and off campus, and live with intent.

OCL Goals:

- Off-Campus students will make meaningful connections to other students, neighbors and the community.
- Off-Campus Living will provide educational and programmatic opportunities that promote student involvement, academic success, retention and positive community engagement.
- Off-Campus Living will collaborate with other university departments and local neighborhoods and towns to raise awareness of the specific needs and concerns of off-campus and commuter students.

Won't you be our neighbor?



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