

2025-2026 Housing Contract

Residence Life Personnel

Director of Residence Life (DRL): A full-time, live-on professional staff member who oversees all aspects of the department, residential facilities, and staff.

Assistant Director (AD): A full-time, live-in professional staff member who resides in a Residence Hall on campus and oversees a community of residents and Resident Assistants.

Residential Community Advisor (RCA): An experienced RA who serves in a higher-level supporting capacity to encourage community development amongst the RAs while also serving as a role model for RAs for best practices on completing their responsibilities effectively and building genuine connections with their residents. The RCA is also responsible for supporting a specific area of campus and works directly with the Residence Life professional staff to ensure a positive living experience for residents and RAs.

Resident Assistant (RA): A student staff member who assists in the community they are assigned through community engagement, intentional interaction, and serving as a resource for the department and residential student population. Resident Assistants have lived on campus for a minimum of one academic year. While Resident Assistants are assigned to work in a specific community, their responsibilities and duty of care apply across campus regardless of assignment.

Residence Halls

Additional information and floorplan graphics can be found by visiting the Residence Life website.

Each residence hall excluding Wallace and Piedmont Village is fully accessible to approved residents with elevator access to each floor, Piedmont Village has ground floor accessibility

Ipswich Hall – Four-bedroom, private bathroom “apartment-style” layout with a furnished common room, a kitchenette with a full-sized refrigerator and microwave. The hall also houses a study area, laundry room, and a large meeting room for residents to utilize. Ipswich is located on main campus and houses upperclassmen.

Johnson Hall – Two-bedroom, shared bathroom “apartment-style” layout with a living area and full-sized refrigerator and microwave. There is also a central laundry room for the building. Johnson is located on main campus and houses upperclassmen.

Mayflower Hall – Co-ed “suite-style” residence hall. Each bedroom has a private entrance, one resident occupies each room, and the two rooms share a full bathroom/shower. Each room has its own vanity sink, full-size refrigerator, and microwave. There are multiple common spaces within the building for student use and a central laundry facility in the building. Mayflower is located on main campus and houses upperclassmen.

Mystic Hall – 3-bed communal roommate set up with a shared bath, two vanity sinks, and closet for each resident. Each floor has a central lounge with a full kitchen as well as study spaces and laundry. Mystic is a co-ed residence hall, but placement is at the discretion of Residence Life with considerations made for roommate requests and accommodation needs. Mystic is located on main campus and serves as the primary housing location for first-year students.

New Bedford Hall – Co-ed “suite-style” residence hall. Each bedroom has a private entrance, one resident occupies each room, and the two rooms share a full bathroom/shower and vanity sink. Each room has a full-size refrigerator and microwave. The building has a study lounge, on-site laundry, and a lobby/game room with a tv and ping pong/pool table. A unique feature of New Bedford is that it features an outdoor deck with a beautiful view of the surrounding Blue Ridge mountains. New Bedford is located on main campus and houses upperclassmen.

Piedmont Village - The only residence hall located off main campus. Piedmont Village features 12, 2-story apartment buildings with each building having 4, 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom apartments. In addition to the furnished bedroom, each apartment comes with a furnished common area and kitchenette. Each resident also has access to a full community kitchen located on site. Piedmont Village is the only residence hall on campus where alcohol is permitted under the specific parameters outlined in the Piedmont Village Alcohol Policy/Permit section of this contract. **Piedmont Village is only available to students with a minimum of 45 credit hours at the time of their application submission.** Students under 45 credit hours may only be considered for a Village vacancy after all other spaces on main campus have been filled. The credit hour exception applies to students at/over the age of 24 at time of enrollment at Piedmont. Transfer credits are included in the 45-credit hour total.

Plymouth Hall - Co-ed “suite-style” residence hall. Each bedroom has a private entrance, one resident occupies each room, and the two rooms share a full bathroom/shower and vanity sink. Each room has a full-size refrigerator and microwave. The building has a study lounge, on-site laundry, and a lobby/game room with a tv and ping pong/pool table. A unique feature of New Bedford is that it features an outdoor deck with a beautiful view of the surrounding Blue Ridge mountains. New Bedford is located on main campus and houses upperclassmen.

Purcell Hall - Co-ed, suite-style residence hall. Room layouts can be configured for single or double occupancy with each room having their own full-size refrigerator and microwave. Each suite shares a bathroom. The hall has a large common room and a game room as well as laundry access. Purcell is located on main campus and houses first-year and upperclassmen students.

Swanson Hall - Two-bedroom, shared bathroom “apartment-style” layout with a living area and full-sized refrigerator and microwave. There is also a central laundry room for the building. Swanson is located on main campus and houses upperclassmen.

Wallace Hall - Co-ed, suite-style residence hall. Room layouts can be configured for single or double occupancy with each room having their own full-size refrigerator and microwave. Each suite shares a bathroom. The hall has a large common room as well as laundry access. Wallace houses upperclassmen students.

Requirements to Live on Campus

Contract and Application:

All students seeking to live in University-owned housing are required to complete a housing application and read and agree to all terms within the Residence Life Housing Contract. All housing contracts are binding for the students’ period of residency at Piedmont University. This period of residency is for one academic year, with the exceptions of Winter Break and December Graduates. Early or late check-in / move-in and extended stays will need to be coordinated with Residence Life and any prohibited or unapproved early or extended stay students may receive a fine of no less than \$50.00 per violation/day. The University reserves all rights concerning the housing assignment of students and the termination of occupancy. Those rights include the authority to terminate the Housing Agreement of any student who violates the Residence Life policies specified herein or in the Student Handbook. Students whose housing is terminated by the University will not receive a Housing refund, unless otherwise approved by University Administration.

Housing Deposit:

All residential students, or students seeking to live in University-owned housing, are required to pay an annual Housing Deposit. This deposit is non-refundable and is instead put towards the cost of attending the University. The cost of this deposit for the 2025-2026 academic year for first time residential students is \$250, for returning residential students for \$50. If a returning student does not pay their housing deposit within two

weeks of housing applications going live and do not share advanced notice will have the deposit cost raised to \$250 immediately once the deadline is passed.

Enrollment Status:

All students seeking to live in University-owned housing are required to be enrolled full-time at Piedmont University. Full-time is defined as Undergraduate students maintaining a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and Graduate students maintaining a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester. Students that fall under full-time status will require permission from the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Meal Plans:

All students who live in University-owned who live in University-owned housing are required to purchase a meal plan.

19 meals per week with \$150 Declining Balance/semester*

250 Block meals with \$100 Declining Balance/semester

170 Block meals with \$235 Declining Balance/semester

7 meals per week with \$300 Declining Balance/semester**

*19 meals per week Plan is **required** for all first-year students and students under 25 completed credit hours.

**7 meals per week plan is only available to residents at Ipswich, Piedmont Village or residential students who are enrolled in clinical or student teaching experiences.

Declining Balance is available for use throughout the semester and can be spent at the Market, located in the Commons. A Declining Balance dollar is equivalent to one US dollar and can be reloaded.

There is no exception from the University's meal plan policy aside from what is listed above without an explicit accommodation processed through the Office of Accessibility, Resources, and Services. Please contact the OARS Office for additional information on requesting an accommodation.

Changes in Meal Plan:

Students with a residential meal plan that is not automatically assigned (e.g. first year students required to have 19 meals per week) are able to log into eRez and change their meal plan. Meal plan changes for Fall are available throughout summer until the registration add/drop deadline of August 19th. Meal plan changes for Spring semester are available during winter break until the registration add/drop deadline for spring semester. Changes outside of these time periods are only available if approved through an OARS accommodation request.

If a student has questions/concerns about their declining balance or their student ID is not scanning in the Dining Hall please contact Chartwells at Piedmont University's General Manager Kevin Faulkner (kevin.faulkner@compass-usa.com) or Assistant Director of Dining Services Heth Cottrell (heth.cottrell@compass-usa.com).

Student Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Vaccinations:

All students must provide proof of current vaccinations, including Meningitis. Meningitis vaccinations expire after five years. A student may need to be revaccinated during their residential stay at Piedmont University. A recent Tuberculosis (TB) test is also required prior to living on campus.

All students are required to have and show proof of health insurance. Health Insurance can also be provided through the University's Student Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

Additional Residency Requirements:

Students must be 17 years of age by Welcome Week, Move-In Day. Additionally, any student under the age of 18 requires parental/legal guardian consent to reside on campus. These requests must be submitted to the Director of Residence Life for approval and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by a committee of University employees.

Students who are under the age of 17 or are over the age of 24 must request permission in writing to reside on campus. A formal request must be sent to the Director of Residence Life for review by the committee.

Residency Exceptions:

Exceptions to the residency requirement are married students, students with dependents, students declared financially independent by the Financial Aid Office, part-time students, or students who receive special permission from the Vice President of Student Affairs.

All students living at the primary residence of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in Habersham, Banks, Hall, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Jackson, Lumpkin, Franklin, or White counties (except for student-athletes.) *Any student discovered to misrepresent their residency may be required to meet with a student conduct hearing officer for providing false information to University officials.*

Students who are 24 years of age or older on the first day of registration for the Fall term (except for athletes.)

Mail:

Students are unable to receive mail to campus through USPS, UPS, FedEx or Amazon. For information on how receive and local post offices, PO Box rates, etc. go to; <https://www.usps.com/> .

Period of Occupancy

August – December (Fall Semester) and January – May (Spring Semester)

The Residence Life Housing Contract is binding for all students who live on campus. Housing charges will be assessed with tuition prior to the beginning of the semester. The period of occupancy for each semester is dependent on the academic calendar and is liable to change based on published dates from the University. Should a student not appropriately vacate their housing assignment as instructed at the end of each term, or at the end of the academic year, and not be approved to remain on campus by the Director of Residence Life, the University reserves the right to remove the student's belongings from the unit and change the access for the building and/or unit.

Winter Break

Students who remain in University-owned housing during this time will need to receive prior approval from Residence Life. During this time all University and Residence Life policies are in place, and the University will be operating at a reduced capacity.

May – August (Summer)

Students who remain in University-owned housing during this time will need to receive prior approval from the Residence Life and pay a weekly rate for housing. During this time all University and department policies are in place, and the University will be operating at a reduced capacity. The rate for summer 2025 housing is \$125 per week.

Prior to Arrival:

Students must pay in full or make payment arrangements with Student Accounts before completing registration and officially enrolling in classes. Any student who has not satisfied their financial obligation either by payment in full or satisfactory payment arrangement before the beginning of the term may have their registration voided. Students with past-due account balances may not be able to attend class or live in residence halls. Outstanding account balances will also prohibit future course registrations, transcript processing, and the release of diplomas. Students whose accounts remain unpaid may be sent to a third party for collection. Upon registration, students agree to reimburse Piedmont University the fees assessed by any agency, which may be based on a percentage at a maximum of 33.3% of the debt, and all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred in such collection efforts. More information can be found on the Student Financial Responsibility Agreement, which is displayed during online registration.

Payment of Fees, Charges, and Fines

Students are required to pay fees, charges, and fines within a specified time by the specified due date. Piedmont University students whose student accounts do not have an acceptable payment arrangement in place by the published due date will be charged a \$100 late fee. This fee will be billed to the student's account and must be paid along with any other unpaid fees.

Students whose accounts are delinquent may forfeit their right to attend classes, live in residence halls, take final examinations or otherwise participate in the academic program until satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Student Accounts Office to meet financial obligations. Diplomas, certificates, and transcripts are issued only when the students' accounts have been paid in full.

Students whose accounts are delinquent as of the payment due dates for each semester may not be permitted to register for the following semester. In addition, transcripts (official and non-official) and transient letters are not issued to students with outstanding financial obligations to Piedmont University.

Students with past-due account balances are not permitted to attend class or live in residence halls. Any resident student who hasn't settled their account by their move-in time will be charged a \$250 move-in penalty. The student will be provided with a detailed list of items that are required in order to avoid the penalty fee. The move-in penalty will be billed to the student's account. The fee will be removed if satisfactory payment is received by Student Accounts by 2:00 pm on the following business day after the scheduled check-in.

Satisfactory payment is (1) submitting payment in full or (2) making the first payment on the payment plan. This payment must be paid by 2:00 pm on the following business day after the scheduled check-in. If a residential student is unable to pay their account balance in full by the due date, a 4-month installment payment plan is available. There is a \$50 enrollment fee for the payment plan. Payments will be divided into four equal monthly installments

Fall and Spring:

Residential students will be notified of their move-in / check-in date and time by Residence Life prior to the beginning of the Fall semester. These times are set to ensure that students have adequate time to get settled prior to the start of the academic year, as well as take part in mandatory meetings with representatives of Residence Life. Students should check their Lions email regularly for updates, changes and expectations for move-in.

Renters Insurance:

Each student is strongly encouraged to purchase renters / personal property insurance for the duration of their time as a residential student. The University is not liable for lost or stolen property, harm to personal belongings, situations beyond the University's control, as well as any damage caused by students to school property. Acquiring a renters insurance policy would be beneficial in the case of burglary, larceny, damage, etc. Piedmont University has partnered with the company GradGuard to help offer affordable, comprehensive renters' insurance for students. Students can opt into insurance anytime; students will receive information from GradGuard after completing their housing application and students will have the option to then to opt in or out of coverage. GradGuard will add residential students to their mailing list for updates and information. For more details students can go to; <https://gradguard.com/>.

Improper Check-In:

Students who do not appropriately check-in with Residence Life staff will be held responsible for an improper check-in fine of \$50.00.

Room Condition Reports and Assessment:

Prior to the residence halls opening for students, members of the Residence Life staff will conduct Room Assessments (Room Condition Reports, RCRs) of all residential spaces. While these reports are deemed accurate, it is highly encouraged that residential students upon arriving to a newly assigned room assignment, review and edit their Room Condition Report through the Housing Portal/eRezLife software. This will allow for any previous damages, that may have been missed, to be documented and not charged to the student moving into the space. RCRs will open for students to review when they check-in to their assigned space with a member of the Residence Life staff and the deadline for completing any updates will be one week from the start of classes each semester. All residents will receive communication reminding them how to complete the Room Condition Report review process each semester.

Move-Out/Check-Out

At the end of each semester residential students will be required to complete a check-out / move-out process with Residence Life. All residential students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements off campus. Any concerns or issues with vacating the residential facility will need to be communicated to the professional staff member of the community as soon as the concern or issue is known.

Fall Check-out / Move-out:

Students who are checking out / moving out at the end of the Fall semester will need to complete a checkout process with a member of the Residence Life staff. Some students, who are approved by a committee, will be allowed to remain on campus over Winter Break. Those checking out should expect to complete the requirements listed below prior to departing campus. **This is not an all-inclusive list of requirements to checking out.*

- All residential students, apart from graduating Seniors, are required to vacate their housing assignment within 24 hours of their last final.
- All residential students will be required to sign up with a member of the Residence Life staff to complete a check-out. Any improper check-outs will result in a fine being assessed to the students' account. These arrangements should be made no less than 24 hours prior to the time in which the student departs campus.
- All residential students will be required to return the University issued room key and student ID prior to departing campus. These will be returned to the student during Spring move-in.
- All residential students will need to ensure that upon checking out of their unit, as each student is responsible for the condition and cleanliness of their unit:
 - o All electronics are turned off and unplugged, except for University provided refrigerators.

- All trash is to be removed from the unit.
- All food or perishable items are to be disposed of or taken off campus.
- Floors are to be swept and vacuumed.
- Any damages, or cleaning requirements found during closing assessment will be billed to the student's account.
- Residential students not returning to Piedmont University for the Spring semester will need to complete all applicable documents and follow the Spring Check-out / Move-out process below.

Note: Any student that completely moves out of their assignment without properly notifying and checking out with Residence Life staff will automatically assume responsibility for charges resulting from any damages not noted on the RCR, key loss, student ID loss, and forfeit the right to appeal any relevant charges.

Spring Check-out / Move-out:

Students who are checking out / moving out at the end of the Spring semester will need to complete a checkout process with a member of the Residence Life staff. Some students, who submit a Summer Housing contract and are approved by a committee, will be allowed to remain on campus over Summer Break. Those checking out should expect to complete the requirements listed below prior to departing campus. **This is not an all-inclusive list of requirements to checking out.*

- All residential students, except for graduating Seniors will be required to vacate their housing assignment within 24 hours of their last final.
- All residential students will be required to sign up with a member of the Residence Life staff to complete a check-out. Any improper check-outs will result in a fine being assessed to the students' account. These arrangements should be made no less than 24 hours prior to the time in which the student departs campus.
- All residential students will be required to return the University issued room key and student ID prior to departing campus.
- All residential students will be required to have all personal belongings removed from the unit prior to their check-out time.
- All residential students will be required to ensure all University furniture has been returned to the appropriate room, and in the same condition as when they moved in.
- All residential students will need to ensure that upon checking out of their unit, as each student is responsible for the condition and cleanliness of their unit:
 - All electronics are turned off and unplugged, except for University provided refrigerators.
 - All trash is to be removed from the unit.
 - All food or perishable items are to be disposed of or taken off campus.
 - Floors are to be swept and vacuumed.
 - Common areas are cleaned
 - Bathrooms are cleaned
- Any damages, or cleaning requirements found during closing assessment will be billed to the students' account.

Note: Any student that completely moves out of their assignment without properly notifying and checking out with Residence Life staff will automatically assume responsibility for charges resulting from any damages not noted on the RCR, key loss, student ID loss, and forfeit the right to appeal any relevant charges.

Damages and Assessments

It is the responsibility of the student to report any damages within the space when they check-in and complete the Room Condition Report (RCR) available through the Housing Portal/eRezLife software. The RCR will be

made available to students upon check-in and must be completed within the timeframe communicated by Residence Life each semester, generally one week after the start of classes. Each student claims responsibility for the condition and cleanliness of their unit during their time of occupancy. Upon vacating a unit, Residence Life will conduct a follow-up RCR, and any damages, cleaning charges, etc. will be billed to the students' account. It is important for each student to remember that failure to complete the RCR review at the beginning of their assignment, including any room changes during a semester forfeit the right to appeal any damages not documented on the RCR at the time of check-in. These charges will include the cost of repair and/or replacement, as well as the cost of labor.

Items that could result in charges include, but are not limited to:

- Paint missing from walls / ceilings – Wall / ceiling damage
- Floor repairs or cleaning
- Broken, missing or damaged University provided furniture
- Broken, missing or damaged University facilities (i.e., doors, mirrors, windows, light fixtures, etc.)
- Replacement of University provided furniture
- Lost key and/or Student ID
- Improper checkout
- Trash
- Cleaning (minor or major)
- Odor removal
- Pest Control
- Abandoned property
- Residential facilities being physically altered.

Residence Life staff provide a description of damages and photos to University Facilities and Student Accounts following each check-out period. Any student assessed and charged for damages, repairs, cleaning, or any other charge associated with checking out will be able to complete an appeal process. Appeals must be completed within 10 business days of the charge being placed on the student's account. To submit an appeal the student must email University Student Accounts, biz@piedmont.edu explaining the rationale behind the appeal and providing any evidence that contradicts the stated charge. Residence Life is not responsible for the facilitation of damage fee collection and defer to the rates provided by University Facilities in coordination with Student Accounts with assigning and assessing the validity of each charge.

Note: Any student that completely moves out of their assignment without properly notifying and checking out with Residence Life staff will automatically assume responsibility for charges resulting from any damages not noted on the RCR, key loss, student ID loss, and forfeit the right to appeal any relevant charges.

Summer Housing

Piedmont University offers limited Summer Housing for students enrolled in summer courses, employed by the University or students who may be housing insecure. Summer housing locations will change each year, and all residential students who take part in summer housing will be required to relocate to the designated facility.

For students to live on campus during the Summer, a Summer Residence Life Housing Contract will need to be completed. Summer Housing is charged based on a weekly rate, and there will not be on-campus dining options available for students.

Storage

Piedmont University does not store or maintain storage for students' personal belongings. Residential students who leave abandoned property within their unit will be communicated with regarding retrieval of their belongings.

Abandoned Property

Items left behind after a student vacates a space will be considered abandoned property, with some exceptions (trash, food, perishable items, toiletries, etc.). Abandoned property will be collected by Residence Life staff and stored on campus for up to 30 days.

The student will receive an email within 24 hours with information of the property being collected from the space, as well as how the student can retrieve the property. If no communication is received or the property is not retrieved within the timeframe all items will be donated. Exceptions to donations include medications, documents with personal information, etc., such items will be shredded or discarded.

Items that are left behind such as but not limited to: fabrics and bedding that have been "soiled" will be removed from the space and discarded. Students who are returning, Fall semester to Spring semester, and have left items that are 'soiled' will be contacted by Residence Life about removal of the item(s).

Leaving Housing/Piedmont University Closing Housing

University Withdrawal: This process can begin with either the student or the University. A student who completes a total withdrawal will have 24 hours from submission of the form to schedule a checkout time and vacate their residential unit.

Change of Residential Status: Students who change their residential status will have 24 hours from the time the form is submitted to schedule a checkout and vacate their residential assignment. The form to request a change in residential status can be found on the Residence Life website.

Medical Withdrawal: The University has the option for a medical withdrawal that students can utilize should there be any medical condition or concern that would interfere with the ability to attend classes. Medical Withdrawals are reviewed by a University committee on a case-by-case basis and are subject to approval. Should a medical withdrawal be denied students have the option to complete a Total Withdrawal from the University. Students who medically withdrawal will have to schedule and complete a checkout with the Residence Life.

Conduct/Judicial: The University reserves the right to cancel a student's housing should it be determined that the students' actions pose a risk to self, person or property and/or disruptive to the residence hall community. Should such cancellation of housing occur the University will arrange for the student to vacate the residence hall with reasonable time.

Special Circumstances: Such things as global pandemics, loss of facilities, damage due to inclement weather and more may cause the University or Residence Life to close some or all residence halls on campus.

Accommodations

Residence Life and Piedmont University seek to accommodate all students within University-owned housing. While spaces can be limited, staff will work with students needing or seeking special accommodations. Should a student need or be seeking special accommodations an email should be sent to residencelife@piedmont.edu and oars@piedmont.edu.

Room Changes

Room change requests will only be considered 3 weeks after the first day of classes and will be available for approximately 2 weeks. Approved room changes may be accompanied by adjustment in the resident's charges based on the [published](#) room rates. All room changes must be approved by Residence Life. At no time does Residence Life guarantee that space will be available to accommodate any request. Students may also be relocated and/or consolidated should the University need to adjust based on occupancy.

Room change requests will be assessed based on a student's cohort, or year of enrollment to Piedmont University. To which, room changes will only be considered should the request be for a building, section of a building, or community that is designated for the student. First Year students will be able to request room changes within designated first year communities. All other students will be able to request for upperclassmen communities, pending any additional requirements are met for living in the community.

Students who occupy a space which is not designated as a 'single' by Residence Life and do not have a roommate, may be required to accept other housing or a new roommate should occupancy require, or if consolidation occurs. Any exceptions will be approved by request to the Director of Residence Life. Any consolidation decisions will be communicated by Residence Life at the discretion of the Residence Life professional staff.

Safety and Security

Campus Police

Piedmont University has a campus police department that is located on the main floor of Getman-Babcock Hall. These officers are sworn Georgia Peace Officers and assist students on campus with needs as they arise. Campus Police also assist with lost and found, key concerns, student ID's, parking services and more.

Parking on Campus

All students are required to have a parking permit provided by campus police. These are free to all students and only require the submission of a form that details the vehicle information. Students who bring a car to campus and receive a parking permit must adhere to the parking regulations of Piedmont University.

Parking on campus can be limited at times and based on the location. Students who need assistance with parking should contact Campus Police, or review the information provided online at; <https://www.piedmont.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Piedmont-University-Parking-Regulations.pdf>.

Students who do not register their vehicle can face up to a \$100 fine, along with parking citations. All parking permits must be displayed from the rear-view mirror.

Should students elect to bring an electric car to campus, it is important to understand there are no charging stations on campus, and charging of the vehicle via the use of an extension cord from within any Residence Hall is strictly prohibited. This also applies to the use of electric mopeds or similar products. Electric mopeds or similar larger transport vehicles are not permitted to be stored in the residence halls.

Should students elect to bring a smaller electric, motorized vehicle such as a bike, skateboard, hoverboard, etc., these items are not to be used within the residence halls. Students may keep and charge the device in their room, but any active use will result in fines and a meeting with Residence Life staff.

Keys and Student ID's

Residential students are required to always carry their room key and student ID with them while on campus. Access to residence halls, the library, fitness center, dining hall, student activities, etc. will not be permitted without these items.

Keys:

Residential students are issued a key at the beginning of each semester/term, except for students living in Mystic Hall. This key is to the students' room, and where applicable, front door. At no time should a student share or lend their key and/or student ID to another individual; doing so may result in conduct proceedings and charges to the student account.

A key that becomes damaged due to use over time or breaking in a lock will be replaced by the University at no cost to the student.

A key that becomes damaged or lost and is done so by the student on purpose or by accident will be replaced by the University at a cost of \$75 to the student.

Any key that is lost or damaged should be reported to a member of Residence Life or Campus Police immediately to avoid safety and security concerns.

Lockouts:

Students who are locked out of their assignment or residential facility should contact a member of the Residence Life staff for assistance. On the first lockout, a student will not be charged for entering their space, all subsequent lockouts will result in a charge of \$25 per lockout.

*Starting Fall 2025, A student may be granted remission from a lockout charge in exchange for items donated to the campus pantry. More information on specific items accepted and the donation process can be found on the Residence Life and Student Services webpages. If a student donates the items before the upcoming Friday after a lockout, the charge will be forgiven.

A student who is locked out and let into their assignment must show the responding Residence Life staff member their student ID and/or key once access is granted. A student who cannot show proof of their student ID and/or key being in the room will be charged \$25 for ID replacement and/or \$75 for a key replacement.

Student IDs:

Residential student IDs allow residential students access into their residence hall, communal spaces, etc. Student IDs are an official form of identification while at Piedmont University. These IDs can also be used at the Dining Hall and Market located in the Student Commons for meal swipes and Declining Balance purchases.

A student ID that becomes damaged or lost will be replaced by the University at a cost of \$25 to the student. Replacement IDs can be collected from Campus Police.

Should the ID not allow access to the students assigned residence hall the student should contact a member of Residence Life to address the issue.

If the ID does not allow access to the Dining Hall, please contact Chartwells at Piedmont University's General Manager Kevin Faulkner (kevin.faulkner@compass-usa.com) or Assistant Director of Dining Services Heth Cottrell (heth.cottrell@compass-usa.com).

ID cards needing programmed or replaced due to card malfunction will be done so at no charge to the student. Reprogramming can be done by contacting or visiting the Residence Life office. Replacements can be retrieved with Campus Police.

Room / Suite Entry

The University reserves the right for University-authorized representatives to enter a student room and/or suite during any academic or break periods. The University reserves the right for authorized representatives to enter rooms and suites for reasons such as, but not limited to; housekeeping, maintenance and repair, health and safety, wellness checks, potential policy violations and to determine occupancy and vacancies on campus. All other entries will be limited to those approved by the Director of Residence Life where there is reason to believe that the University policies and regulations are being violated or have been violated. This includes but is not limited to safety drills conducted by authorized University representatives.

Note: Campus Police reserves the right to enter any room and search for possible violations of the law without a warrant, based on probable cause, or due to reasonable suspicion.

Health and Safety Inspections

Residence Life will conduct at least one Health and Safety inspection per semester. These inspections will be made known to all residential students prior with the assigned date(s) that the inspections will occur. Health and Safety inspections can also occur based on the direction of the Offices of Student Life and Leadership and be completed by a designated University official.

Health and Safety Inspections are intended to ensure that the residence halls and/or rooms/suites do not require maintenance repairs that have gone unreported, cleanliness of the space to ensure a healthy and safe living environment and check that University-owned property is undamaged and working.

Students who fail a health and safety inspection due to cleanliness, policy violation, etc. may receive a fine of \$50.00 or more, and potentially be required to meet with a conduct hearing officer. Students who fail a health and safety inspection will have up to five business days to appeal to the Director of Residence Life.

During the Health and Safety Process, if any policy violations are found, students may appeal being held responsible for such violation. Students need to email the Director of Residence Life at residencelife@piedmont.edu, with appropriate justification as to why the violation/charge should be appealed from their account.

Fire and Inclement Weather Policies

Piedmont University utilizes an electronic alert system for students, staff and faculty in case of emergency, closures, delays, etc. This system is free of charge for all students and can be found at; <https://piedmont.omnilert.net/subscriber.php>.

Fire:

Should a fire alarm sound, all students are required to evacuate the building. Students found tamper with any alarm system or decide to not evacuate with the sounding of a fire alarm may have charges placed on their student account, including local civil citations, and meet with a conduct hearing officer. Fire Drills do take place on campus at least once per semester to ensure the alarms are working and students are able to understand what the siren sounds like to know an evacuation is required.

Tornado:

Should a tornado warning occur, students are to move to interior rooms and corridors without windows, and shelter in place until an all clear is given by University personnel. Students should not travel outside or remain in an area that could result in harm should a tornado strike campus.

Snow / Ice:

Should snow or ice accumulate on and around campus, the University will work towards ensuring as safe a campus as possible such as utilizing salt and shovels to attempt and clear sidewalks. Students should use caution in travelling on and/or off campus as even with efforts to clear build ups of snow and ice, conditions can remain dangerous.

Flood:

Should a flood occur conditions on and around campus will be heavily impacted leading to diminished resources available to students. Students should use caution in traveling on and/or off campus, as the area could be heavily impacted by damage and standing/rushing water.

Power Outage:

Should a power outage occur, Residence Life staff will conduct 'fire walks' every 30 minutes through all residential facilities. Students should avoid opening refrigerators and unplug / turn off any items not connected to a surge protector.

*Failure of any student to cooperate with University instructions during an emergency period will result in a violation of the Code of Conduct and require adjudication through the student conduct process in addition to any civil penalties that may be associated with non-compliance.

Prohibited Items:

The following items are not permitted on campus or in a residence hall in any form:

- Blenders larger than 24 fluid ounces
- Grills (charcoal, propane, gas)
- Microwaves (excludes University-provided microwave)
- Mini-Fridges (excludes University-provided refrigerator)
- Firearms (including but not limited to; actual firearms, airsoft, paintball, bow and arrows, Splatter Guns, NERF-style guns etc.)
- Projectile-launching mechanisms (including but not limited to slingshot, catapult, etc.)
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Knives with a blade length over 4 inches
- Bug Zappers
- Candles with used wicks
- Dartboards
- Drugs and Alcohol (including paraphernalia: which can be but not limited to; any item that explicitly promotes the act of illegal drug or alcohol use or contains advertisement/labels pertaining to illegal drug or alcohol-related products.
- Home Devices such as, but not limited to; Alexa's, Google Home, WiFi Routers, etc. *(please contact IT with questions)*
- Halogen Lamps
- Items with open flame
- Items with open heat sources *(please contact Residence Life with questions)*
- Personal/Window HVAC Units
- Personal (indoor or outdoor) space heaters

***In the event a student loses heat in their room, Residence Life or University Facilities will provide an approved space heater to be used by the student(s) until heat is restored.**

Tattoo Guns

*It is important to note that this is not an all-inclusive list of prohibited items. Students who are unsure if an item is prohibited should contact Residence Life at residencelife@piedmont.edu to learn if the item is approved or prohibited.

Permitted Items: Cooking Appliances

The following items are approved for use within the residence halls on campus. Excluding Keurig-style coffee makers - Johnson, Mayflower, Mystic, New Bedford, Plymouth, Purcell, Swanson, and Wallace Hall residents may only use these items in the designated lounge spaces where available. Only Ipswich and Piedmont Village residents are permitted to use these items in their rooms.

Any resident with one of the lounge-use only items found in use in their individual space will be subject to the object being confiscated and held until the end of the semester. For more information on approved specifications for the appliances below, please visit the Residence Life website Frequently Asked Questions and review the "Appliance Recommendation Guide" (this guide is not to be considered an endorsement of any brand(s)/product(s) and is intended to provide examples that fit within safety parameters).

Air Fryers

Crock Pots/Instapots/Rice Cookers

Electronic indoor grills (panini press, waffle maker, etc)

Electronic indoor griddles

Hot plates and electric cooktops

Keurig-style coffee makers

Toaster

Toaster Ovens

Exterior Doors, Room Doors, Windows

Exterior Doors:

The propping of exterior doors is strictly prohibited unless explicit permission has been obtained by Residence Life or Campus Police. Such actions cause for safety and security concerns as individuals can access the buildings without the escort of residential student to that facility. Exterior doors found to be propped will result in a conduct meeting and potential fine for the individual responsible. All residence halls are equipped with card readers and/or standard key locks for the safety of students of the facility. Access to a residence hall is based on their housing assignment.

Emergency/Fire Doors:

Depending on the layout of the Residence Hall, the building has a series of doors for fire safety and containment. These doors are marked with either "DO NOT PROP" or "DO NOT OPEN. EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY." Any tampering or unauthorized use of these doors is a violation of the code of conduct and Federal safety codes. Any student found committing either act will be subject to meeting with a University conduct hearing officer as well as possible face civil fines/penalties.

Room Doors:

Students should ensure that their room doors are locked and closed when not in the space. Students can, should they choose, leave their room doors unlocked while present in the space. It is highly recommended that

students should ensure doors are locked when leaving their space, going to bed, and any other time in which they will not be present in their room.

Windows:

Residence halls have windows to allow for natural light and a point of egress in case of emergency and exit through the room door is not possible. Windows should not be used for entrance and exit to the room or building outside of emergency exit use. Students are not permitted to hang items in their window that face outward from any assigned room/suite. Students found climbing through windows will be subject to a conduct meeting and potential fines.

Wellness Checks

Residence Life, in coordination with other campus partners, may be asked to perform what is known as a Wellness check. These checks are performed when a concern has been raised by an individual on or off campus about a residential student. Wellness checks can take place at any time and may require staff to enter a space to check if the student is present in their room.

Medical Transportation

Should a student receive an injury or require transportation to a medical facility, Campus Police or Residence Life staff will contact emergency services to transport the student. A student may decline treatment/transport after assessment by first responders and signing their release form. Should a student be transported to a medical facility, it will be asked that the student contact their emergency contact (if possible). Should the student be unable to contact their emergency contact for any reason, Residence Life staff or Campus Police, or another designated University official, will contact the individual listed as this contact. University-authorized representatives may reach out to a student for additional information following a medical transport for documentation and insurance purposes.

Bed Lofting

Main Campus (Ipswich, New Bedford, Plymouth, Swanson, Johnson, Mayflower, Wallace, Purcell)

Bed lofting is limited based on the style of bed within the Residence Hall. Students are not permitted to utilize cinder blocks, bed risers, or other apparatuses that can be built or purchased to raise the height of the bed.

Mystic

Beds in Mystic Hall can be raised or lowered based on their design. Students are not permitted to utilize cinder blocks, bed risers, or other apparatuses that can be purchased to raise the height of the bed. Students seeking to have their bed raised or lowered should contact Residence Life staff for the submission of a work order. This request should include the desired height the bed is to be set at, so facilities staff can complete the work order.

Mystic Hall beds are adjustable to a height in which students are provided with a guard rail to assist with the safety of not falling out of the bed while asleep. Each bed is provided with this guard rail free of charge and attached to the bedframe upon arrival to campus. ***Students in Mystic Hall will need to digitally sign a waiver stating that the guard rail was provided upon arrival to campus, and that the student has the option to use, or not use the provided guard rail.***

Students who have their beds raised and want a ladder can submit a request to residencelife@piedmont.edu with the room number and location of the bed in the room for a work order to be submitted. Ladders are limited and therefore not guaranteed for all students. Should a ladder be present in the room at the time of arrival and

the student would like it removed, the student can use the same process for a work order to be submitted and the ladder removed.

Village

Beds in the Village can be raised or lowered based on their design. Students are not permitted to utilize cinder blocks, bed risers, or other apparatuses that can be purchased to raise the height of the bed. Students seeking to have their bed raised or lowered should contact Residence Life staff for the submission of a work order. This request should include the desired height the bed is to be set at, so facilities staff can complete the work order.

Maintenance, Cleaning, Work Orders

Piedmont University employs skilled individuals in their facilities department. Within this department are those who perform maintenance and repairs across campus, as well as those who assist in maintaining a clean campus through ongoing cleaning processes. This department works closely with Residence Life to assist in responding to any concerns or issues within the residential facilities.

Maintenance:

The maintenance personnel are trained to respond to concerns and issues on campus ranging from a light needing replaced to replacement and repair of electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. Should a student have a concern or issue within their space or notice something on campus that needs repair they can submit a Work Order by contacting a member of Residence Life for assistance. Response to work orders vary depending on the nature of the concern, other issues taking place on campus, time, and day of the week. The University does have maintenance personnel on call for emergency situations and can respond when contacted by Campus Police or Residence Life staff. Students are requested to communicate with members of Residence Life about their Work Orders and inform staff if their request has been completed or not.

Cleaning:

The University partners with a third-party company, BUDD Group, to assist in the cleanliness and sanitation of campus and the buildings. This group works in cleaning common areas across campus and in the residential facilities. These individuals will not clean a students' personal room, living room etc. during the academic year, and while the space is occupied. Students are responsible for the cleanliness of their spaces during their time of occupancy. Cleaning during breaks may take place in residential spaces, but only for those rooms that have been completely vacated, and bathrooms within a unit.

Work Orders:

University Facilities operates the work order system and ensures the timely completion of requests. Residents are encouraged to notify Residence Life of any concerns in a proactive manner so that they can be addressed as soon as possible. Once a resident notifies a member of Residence Life, whether it be their RA or a member of the professional staff, the Residence Life team member submits a work order and University Facilities will assign a member of their team to inspect and address the concern.

Residents can contact a member of the Residence Life staff to have a work order be submitted. Work Orders submitted between 8AM and 3PM (Monday – Thursday), 8AM – 1PM (Friday) may allow for the work order to be addressed same day. Work Orders submitted after 3PM (Monday – Thursday), after 1PM (Friday) or on weekends may not be addressed until the next business day. If a student is encountering an emergency maintenance issue, i.e., flooding, fire, structural damage, the student should contact Residence Life staff or Campus Police immediately.

It is imperative that students who face an emergency maintenance issue contact Residence Life staff. Residence Life and maintenance have 24/7 on-call personnel to assist in emergency response.

Residence Life Policies

Piedmont University and Residence Life have policies in place for the safety, security and health of all students. Some of these policies can be found below, all policies can be found in the Student Handbook located online. All policies below apply to all residence halls except where designated otherwise.

Guests, Visitors, Co-Habitation

Students are responsible for the actions of any guests and visitors they allow access to the residential facility. At no time should the number of guests or visitors exceed three times the rooms occupancy at any time.

Students may entertain guests of the opposite gender in their rooms and suites from 10AM to 2AM daily. For Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors these visitation hours are extended on Friday and Saturday nights. The University reserves the right to alter visitation for any residential facility, section of a residential facility, or individual in the interest of health, safety, security discipline, improvement of the educational environment, or general welfare of the residential community. A student who hosts a guest in the residential facility is ultimately responsible for their guest actions.

A guest is defined as Piedmont University student who is currently enrolled at the institution. Guests are permitted in the residential facility so long as their presence is within the approved guest hours, they are not causing a disruption to the residential community, and are 18 years of age and older, unless accompanied by a legal guardian. Guests are not permitted to stay overnight for more than 3 consecutive nights. Any overnight guests must be over the age of 18.

Visitors are defined as non-Piedmont University students. Visitors to campus who are under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian and are not permitted to remain overnight in the residential facilities. Any visitor should seek to have a temporary parking permit issued by Campus Police, or park in Guest / Visitor parking only. A student who hosts a visitor in the residential facility is ultimately responsible for their guest actions.

Co-Habitation is defined as an individual not assigned to a residential space living in that space with the current occupant for longer than the guest policy permits. Co-Habitation can lead to conduct concerns and disruption to the residential community. Students are not permitted to cohabitate or have another individual cohabitate with them that would exceed the guest / visitor policy.

Room Decorations

Walls

Students are encouraged to decorate their spaces that is healthy, safe and allows for the student to feel at home while living on campus. The walls of a residential space must be maintained. Students who wish to hang things from the walls should use care and not use nails, screws or other objects that will put holes in the wall. Adhesive strips, hooks, etc. are permitted within the residential facilities, however students are responsible for any damages that occur when these items are removed from the wall. Damages can result in charges being assessed to the students' account. For more information email residencelife@piedmont.edu.

Floors

Throughout the residential facilities there are different styles of flooring. Damage to the flooring, stains, or removal of the flooring will result in charges to the students' account. Students are permitted to utilize rugs

brought from home or purchased from a store however these items will need to be removed upon the student vacating the unit.

Ceilings

Students should avoid hanging items from the ceilings, specifically from the lights, smoke detectors, sprinkler heads, etc. Items found hanging from or covering lights and safety equipment will result in charges being applied to the students' account.

Windows

Students are not permitted to hang items in their window that face outward from any assigned room/suite. Items hung in rooms that are visible through the window deemed inappropriate, offensive, illegal (stolen signs), inflammatory are prohibited and must be removed immediately when directed by a member of the Residence Life or Student Life and Leadership staff. Windows, unless in the case of emergency, are not to be used to enter or exit a room.

LED Lights

LED light strips are permitted within the residence halls however it is important to note that applying the light strips to the walls often leads to damages and peeling of paint from the walls. Such damages will result in charges being assessed to the students' account.

Posting within Residence Halls

Students or registered student organizations must receive prior approval from a member of the Residence Life professional staff prior to posting any signage or advertisements. Promotion of any personal business is strictly prohibited.

Banners

Residence Life recognizes that throughout the year there may be occasions students wish to celebrate. Residents in Johnson, Mayflower, Mystic, New Bedford, Plymouth, Swanson, and Piedmont Village can request permission to hang a banner no larger than a twin XL sheet (66" x 96" or 5.5ft x 8ft).

Banners may only be hung from exterior railings on the designated resident's apartment/room/suite. Banners can be hung using zip ties, bungee cord, or another rope/string-like material that is tied and cannot be secured to railing using nails, push pins, or any other item that involves puncturing the railing.

The design of the banner must be respectful of Piedmont University's mission and values. Banner requests can be submitted using the form on the Residence Life website.

Banner designs must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the date they wish to be displayed. A finalized sketch of the design should be included with the proposal. Students will be informed of their request's status and, if approved, provided the instructions for displaying their banner.

Banners are allowed to remain on display for 72 hours from the date specified in the request. It is the responsibility of the resident/room to take down the banner. Failure to do so will result in loss of banner privileges for the remainder of the semester. Violating University policy by displaying a banner that is inappropriate and/or vulgar will result in meeting with a student conduct hearing officer and loss of banner privileges for the remainder of the academic year.

Alcohol

Alcohol and alcohol paraphernalia is prohibited on Main Campus, regardless of age. Alcohol is only permitted at Piedmont Village once the apartment receives an Alcohol Permit signed by the Residence Life professional staff.

Alcohol Permits for Piedmont Village are allowed only for apartments in which all occupants are at least 21 years of age or older, there have not been violations related to alcohol within the semester before requesting the permit, and all occupants of the apartment meet with Residence Life professional staff to read, review, and sign the Alcohol Policy and Alcohol Permit. For more information regarding the Alcohol Policy for Piedmont Village, please see the last page of this contract.

Alcohol is not permitted in apartments at Piedmont Village where any occupant is under the age of 21.

Apartments with Alcohol Permits found to be engaging in underage drinking, providing to minors, etc. will lose their Alcohol Permit for the remainder of the academic year and meet with a student conduct hearing officer.

Alcohol paraphernalia can be but not limited to: any item that explicitly promotes the act of drinking or contains advertisement/labels pertaining to alcohol-related products.

Drugs and Illegal Substances

The possession, use, or sale of illegal substances such as, but not limited to marijuana while on campus is strictly prohibited. Students found to be in possession of illegal substances may face criminal charges, as well as going through the University Conduct process.

Medical marijuana, while legal in Georgia and other states, is strictly prohibited on campus even if the student is in possession of a medical marijuana card.

Tobacco

Piedmont University is a smoke and tobacco free campus. All students, staff, faculty, and visitors are prohibited from smoking and using, selling, free distributing, and advertising tobacco products and electronic smoking devices in all facilities and on all University property, including University-owned vehicles, and in any privately-owned vehicle parked or operated on University property.

Smoking of Electronic devices and accessories include but are not limited to e-cigarettes/vapes such as blu, Vuse, Tanks, Juul, V2, etc. are prohibited, however the possession of these items to smoke off campus is allowed if the student, staff, faculty or visitor is 21 years of age.

Quiet and Courtesy Hours

Courtesy Hours:

Courtesy hours are 24/7 in all residential facilities. This does not mean students must remain quiet during all times of the day however, it should be known that students should be courteous of their neighbors and community. Students may be asked to lower the noise level at any point during the day, however, this is rare before Quiet Hours.

Quiet Hours:

From the hours of 11PM to 8AM daily, students are required to lower the volume and amount of noise as much as possible to allow for neighbors and others in the community the opportunity to study, sleep, etc. Quiet Hours are 24 hours during final weeks, information will be posted with dates prior to the start of finals week. Violation of Quiet Hours can result in charges to the students' account, and/or a conduct meeting.

Furniture (removal, personal, etc.)

University furniture may not be removed from any room, suite, or common area. All furnishings that are provided by the University must remain in the room, suite, or common area to which they were assigned. Should University furniture not be present in the room, suite, or common area at time of checking out, a charge will be assessed to the student's account.

Students are not permitted to bring outside bed frames, box springs, and mattresses to campus. These items will not be allowed in the residence hall unless an accommodation has been made through the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services. Students approved to bring these items to campus will be held responsible for any pest control or damages caused to University property. The student will receive a minimum of a \$250.00 fine.

Lofts, bed risers, boards, cinder blocks, decks, and other similar bed raising items are not permitted in any room or suite without the appropriate accommodation documented.

Waterbeds are not permitted in any room or suite.

Students who bring furniture such as inflatable temporary bedding, couches, futons, bean bags, etc. will be held responsible for any pest control or damages caused, as well, should students bring such items they are responsible for properly disposing of these items off campus or in roll off dumpsters that the University provides at the end of the academic year. Students found to have violated this will receive a minimum of \$250.00 fine.

External Storage

Students should store all personal belongings inside their room or apartment. There is no storage permitted for any external spaces outside of a student's assigned residence. Balconies between apartments and breezeway stairs, including spaces below stairs, should be kept clear. Items blocking free passage (5 feet) will be removed and disposed, including but not limited to bikes and furniture. Bikes should be locked to an exterior bike rack.

Pest

Residents should seek to maintain a healthy, clean-living environment to reduce the concern of pests entering the Residence Halls. Dirty dishes, trash, food, and cardboard boxes can attract pests as they search for food and water left out within the halls. Should a resident notice a pest or believe pests to be present, i.e. ants, wasps, spiders, bed bugs, etc. within their room or Residence Hall, they should contact a member of the Residence Life staff for a work order to be submitted, and if available pest spray to be used in the interim.

Pets

Non-venomous fish are the only accepted pet allowed in any residence hall at Piedmont University. The policy regarding fish is listed below. Approved service animals and emotional support animals are not pets and require advance registration and documentation before they can arrive on campus, more information regarding service animals and ESAs on campus are referenced further below.

- Non-venomous fish are permitted within residence halls.
- Fish must remain in a tank that cannot be larger than 20 gallons.
 - o Students can utilize up to 2 tanks, that do not exceed 20 gallons.
 - 1, 20-gallon tank
 - 2, 10-gallon tanks
- Students are responsible for cleanliness and care of fish and their tanks.

- Students are responsible for relocating the pet over breaks as the University will not care for pets while students are off campus.
- Students are not permitted to breed animals while living in University-provided housing.

Should an unapproved pet, or pet that does not meet the following requirements be found, the resident will need to remove the pet off campus to family, friend, or boarding facility/local shelter within 24 hours. The resident may be charged \$150 per day that the unapproved pet remains on campus and is documented by Residence Life staff.

*Students who, as of the 2022-2023 academic year had on file with Residence Life, have a registered pet that did not have fur or feathers, i.e. reptile or amphibian, is grandfathered and allowed to bring this pet to campus until the complete their time at Piedmont University. This pet must be registered prior to arrival to campus using the approved registration form provided by Residence Life. Only previously registered pets will be recognized and must be registered annually if the student wishes to bring the pet back with them. The grandfather exception will expire at the start of the 2026-2027 Residence Life Housing Contract.

Emotional Support Animals (ESA's):

Emotional Support Animals (ESA's) must be approved through the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services and Director of Residence Life. ESA's are not permitted on campus until final approval has been granted, and students found with an unapproved ESA will receive charges to their student account and meet with a conduct hearing officer. The process for receiving approval for an ESA can be found by emailing the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services, oars@piedmont.edu. ESA's must be registered annually with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services.

Service Animals:

For information on registering a Service Animal contact the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services at; oars@piedmont.edu. Service Animals must be registered annually with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services.

*This includes Service Animals in Training. Documented service animals in training receive the same rights and permissions as fully trained Service Animals.

Therapy Animals:

For information on registering a Therapy Animal contact the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services at; oars@piedmont.edu. Therapy Animals must be registered annually with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services.

For questions, please email residencelife@piedmont.edu.

Village Alcohol Policy

Recognizing the capacity of students to make sound choices, alcoholic beverages for private consumption by those residents and their guests who are 21 and over is permitted in the Village. The vitality of the academic community relies on everyone taking personal responsibility for their actions regarding alcohol use and for safeguarding the well-being of others. The abuse and illegal use of alcohol and other drugs place the health and safety of individuals at risk and directly contradicts the mission of our University and the success of our community of learners. Students whose drinking creates a risk of danger to the health and safety of themselves or others are subject to sanctions, loss of other University privileges, including residency in the Village and/or suspension.

1. Village Alcohol Permit eligibility is only available for apartments in which all residents assigned to that apartment are at least 21 years of age.
 - a) Should all individuals in the unit turn 21 years of age during the semester, alcohol may then be present in the common spaces of the unit once an alcohol permit is obtained. A meeting must be scheduled with the Assistant Director of the Village to obtain a permit which must also be signed by the Director of Residence Life.
2. Alcohol consumption is permitted only in the Village in apartments occupied completely by residents of legal drinking ages.
3. Alcohol may be visible in the unit, however consumption of alcohol in the presence of minors is prohibited.
4. Serving or providing alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited.
5. Any student, regardless of age, found to be intoxicated, will be evaluated by campus staff for medical treatment, Campus Police and/or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). Any student, regardless of age, requiring medical treatment, will be required to participate in alcohol evaluation and education.
6. Beer kegs in any condition, beer balls, any similar type of common source and their equivalents in volume of beer and/or alcohol content are prohibited.
7. Possession of alcohol paraphernalia is prohibited. Paraphernalia can be but is not limited to; any item that explicitly promotes the act of drinking or contains advertisement/labels pertaining to alcohol-related products. Such items and/or paraphernalia found in the unit will need to be removed, and a meeting will be scheduled with Residence Life professional staff.
8. Open containers and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all public spaces outside of the individual unit in which the alcohol permit is designated for. The consumption of alcoholic beverages in any public area (outside the Village Suites) is strictly prohibited (common areas, parking lots, etc.).
9. The maximum occupancy of a Village Apartment should not exceed 12 people at any given time, as would be in any Village Apartment without an alcohol permit.
10. Students who are 21 or over and choose to consume alcohol must not exhibit loud, disruptive or indecent behavior, vandalize property, or interfere with the cleanliness of the residence halls.
11. Students are responsible for the actions of their guests at all times.
12. The signed alcohol permit must remain posted and visible within the common area of the unit. Permits should be adhered to either; the front of the University provided fridge, or back of the main door to the unit.

All Piedmont Village residents will comply with the laws of Habersham County and the State of Georgia regarding the possession, use, and sale of alcohol. Violations of these guidelines may result in criminal charges, conduct sanctions and/or loss of campus housing privileges. This policy will be reviewed annually by Piedmont University Residence Life in collaboration with University Administration.