

Welcome to Kent Crossing!

Our Kent Crossing apartments provide comfortable living with several distinct advantages. Considered “on-campus housing” while located off of Washington College property, our Kent Crossing housing option allows you to experience a stepping stone to independent living. We have RAs and provide all the same amenities as our other housing options (utilities, cable and internet). We also provide some basic housekeeping, although you are expected to begin making steps toward caring for your own housing space such as taking out your trash and using appliances properly.

Since our Kent Crossing apartments are intermixed with non-Washington College community members, you are also on the front lines of our “town-gown relations.” Please consider yourself an ambassador of Washington College in everything you do. What you say and do will reflect upon your alma mater. This is a perfect opportunity, therefore, to exercise your growing skills as a citizen leader – as we aspire for you to be here at WAC.

Therefore, I encourage you to seize this opportunity – to get to know your neighbors and to build great community relations with the families and retirees that live around you. Of course, our RAs can also help with this process, so please don’t hesitate to ask if you ever have a question or concern. The below points are intended to help you be prepared to live in these beautiful apartments and to get along well with your wonderful neighbors.

If you have any questions that are not answered below, please email Area Director David Stuebing (dstuebing2@washcoll.edu)

- **Policies specific to Kent Crossing**

- 8pm Quiet hours every day of the week – this is a family-friendly policy of the apartment complex and, thus, supersedes college policy. If you want to watch loud movies, play loud video games or have a get-together with groups of friends, please find a space on campus or find a way to keep volume levels low. There should be no noise audible outside your apartment after 8pm. **Be especially aware of balconies, open doors and noise in stairwells!**
- Parking – all Kent Crossing residents must register vehicles with Public Safety. While Kent Crossing does not have a specific parking system, our agreement with them requires us to park in specified areas. Failure to register your vehicle with Public Safety or park in the specified areas will be viewed as a policy violation and treated accordingly. **This is especially important for those living in G, L & N buildings.**
- Lofting beds & returning furniture – some students decide to move the furniture around the apartment during the year to customize the space. While we allow for that, please remember that any damage to walls or door frames will be charged at the end of the year. Also, all beds must be re-lofted and all furniture must be returned to the correct rooms at the end of your stay in order to avoid an “improper set-up” fine.
- Bicycles must be stored either in your apartment (not on the balcony) or on the bike racks found around the complex. Bicycles may not be stored in stairwells or be locked to railings, light posts or trees.

- Kent Crossing dishwashers (and the septic system) cannot handle soap/cleaning “tablets” – regular dishwasher fluid or powder must be used. Similarly, please do not flush Q-tips or other such products down the toilets as the septic system cannot handle them.
 - Housekeeping will clean common areas and bathrooms several times per week. Apartments will have door hangers saying “please do not disturb” on one side and “please clean my bathroom” on the other side. Please use these to communicate your desires to housekeeping. Bathrooms will be cleaned at all breaks (Fall, Winter & Spring breaks). **You are responsible for taking your own trash out to the dumpsters.**
 - As a general rule, you are expected to be a good steward of the apartment. It is a wonderful space for college students to live – and we want to keep it that way. Please care for your appliances, carpets, walls, furniture – keep them clean and treat them gently. We want many more students to be able to fully enjoy these wonderful housing spaces in years to come!
- **What we provide**
 - Furniture – every person will have a bed, desk, chest of drawers, wardrobe, desk chair and ladder. Bedrooms have additional closet space. Living room areas are furnished with a couch and two lounge chairs with coffee table. Dining spaces have a table with four wooden chairs.
 - Bathroom supplies such as shower curtains and toilet paper. Please work with your housekeeper to coordinate if you find you are running out of toilet paper before he/she comes back to your apartment.
 - Every Kent Crossing apartment has the following:
 - Fully carpeted (living room, hallways and both bedrooms)
 - Washer & dryer (free – not coin operated)
 - Full kitchen with stove, oven, microwave, dishwasher and garbage disposal as well as ample cupboard and counter space.
 - 2 full bathrooms
 - Balcony/patio
- **What to bring**
 - Floor lamps – Kent Crossing apartments have overhead lighting in hallways, bathrooms, kitchens and dining rooms. Bedrooms and living rooms lack overhead lighting and instead have wall switches that control outlets. Floor or table lamps are the most effective way to light these areas.
 - Curtains & an expandable curtain rod – windows in Kent Crossing have blinds attached but the patio/balcony door does not. The door is 6.5 feet (78 in) tall and 6 feet (72 in) wide. Should you want curtains in your windows, double wide windows in the bedrooms are 6 feet (72in) wide and 4ft 10in (58in) tall.

- **Safety & Security**

- The walking path to campus is well lit and has security cameras and emergency call boxes. We have not had any incidents on this walking path since it was first installed. We do still encourage students to travel in pairs after dark, as a general precaution. We also encourage you to avoid texting or other similarly distracting activities while walking as they can keep you from being aware of your surroundings.
- Should you prefer, we also offer a shuttle that runs from campus to Kent Crossing from 9pm till midnight during the week and 9pm till 1am on Friday and Saturday nights. Shuttle information can be found at: <http://www.washcoll.edu/offices/transportation/the-kent-crossing-shuttle.php> - **Shuttle times are subject to change based on ridership and college vehicle needs – we will do our very best to give ample notice in such situations.**
- Lastly, should you have a situation where the shuttle is unavailable, Public Safety can also escort students to Kent Crossing, but this should be reserved as a last resort as it keeps them from being able to respond to any other campus issues that may arise.

- **Who to contact for what**

- Furniture & light bulbs – please submit a work order through the colleges online work order system. If you are unfamiliar with it, your RA can show you how to use it.
- Cleaning issues/concerns – speak to your RA and we will follow up with housekeeping to ensure each apartment is receiving appropriate attention.
- Appliances & general apartment issues such as electrical or plumbing – please call the Kent Crossing office at: 410-778-3049. If it is a problem after hours you can leave a message or, if it is an urgent issue (such as a water leak), please contact Lee Davis (Kent Crossing manager) at home at: 410-778-0015.
- The Zone 4 RA on duty number is: 410-699-0092
- For any security concerns, Public Safety's number is: 410-778-7810
- You may also email your Area Director, David Stuebing at: dstuebing2@washcoll.edu