

Off Campus Living:

As a student at URI, you have an opportunity to live off-campus, or “down the line.” These students rent summer homes and apartments during the months of September through May. The most popular locations to rent such homes include Bonnet Shores, Scarborough Beach, Wakefield, and Charlestown. The Commuter Housing office maintains an up-to-date database of property listings off-campus. To search for current off-campus housing options visit our web page: www.uri.edu/commuter_housing. A list of commonly used realtors is available in the Commuter Housing Office.

Students generally pay between \$350-600 per person per month. However, the cost of off-campus housing varies depending on the number of bedrooms in a property and whether you are sharing with roommates. Individuals who share properties together typically pay less because they are able to split the cost of utilities. For example, four individuals living in a four bedroom house will split the costs of the electric, gas, phone, and grocery bills four ways. Utilities vary depending on the number of students sharing a property.



New Residence Hall!

Keep an eye on the new residence hall that will be built where Terrace Apartments are. Hillside Hall will open in September 2012, and could provide a great opportunity to live in a brand new residence hall once it opens!

**Housing Options
For Your
Sophomore Year**



This brochure is meant to be a resource for you guys when you need to start thinking your housing situation once the Spring Semester starts. Trust me, this can be a very stressful situation if you and your friends have no idea what is going on, but this should offer some guidance in the matter. Don't hesitate to ask your RA for help, or you can even shoot me an email next semester if you have questions!



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How to Sign up

Because the majority of you will be living on campus, I will be spending more time on this topic. Around December, you will start to see information about a “housing deposit.” You will need to fill out a form on myhousing.edu and make a deposit (I believe it’s \$200) to be eligible for housing. Upperclassman room registration is an online process that takes place between Spring Break and final exams. Your pick is based on a lottery system and how many credits you have (i.e. Juniors go first, Freshman go last), so it is important to figure everything out ahead of time to get the best possible living situation for next year.



What are your Options?

The University of Rhode Island provides a number of upperclassman housing options. Among our upperclassman residences are **Aldrich, Burnside, Coddington, Dorr, Eddy, Ellery, Garrahy, Heathman, Hopkins, and Wiley**. In addition, the **Rainbow Diversity House, Women’s Leadership House, and the International Engineering Program houses** are available. Students may also elect to participate in Greek life by residing in on-campus fraternity and sorority houses as chapter members or as boarders within those communities.

The Process

I will go into this in more detail during class, but basically you have get a group of 4 or 5 students (including yourself) and request each other on myhousing in order to be eligible to sign up for housing. Once this is done, you can sign up at the same time, with whoever’s time is the earliest in your group.

Strategies

The best residence halls on campus are Garrahy, Wiley, and Eddy, and there are only two possible ways for you to get in them.

- 1) Take an honors class next semester and apply for honors housing in Garrahy hall
- 2) Find someone who is either a grade higher, or with an earlier signup date to try to get into an Eddy suit.

If you cannot get into Eddy, I would try to get into Heathman. It may not seem like the best, but it is a much better environment than living in the Roger Williams Complex. Avoid Coddington and Ellery!

