


# ** 2026-2027 Winter Break Information **

Campus Residents,

**On-Campus Residence Halls and Apartments officially close for Winter Break at 6:00pm Friday, December 11, 2026, and reopen at 9:00am Friday, January 15, 2027.** Graduates may stay until Sunday, December 13 at Noon, and do not need to complete the Winter Break Access Application.

**Residents returning for Spring 2027 who need to stay beyond December 11, 2026, must Apply for Winter Break Access via their Housing Portal (see below).**

## GRADUATING OR UNENROLLING FOR SPRING 2027

**If you will not be enrolled in classes at ETSU for Spring 2027, please do the following to avoid being charged for a dirty room/door rekey/spring rent/meal plan**:

- Officially notify the Department of Housing and Residence Life by submitting the online Request to Cancel Agreements Form, found at https://www.etsu.edu/students/housing/cancellation.php.
- Properly check out of your building by removing all belongings, cleaning your space, and contacting staff on duty (see numbers posted in the Office Area of your building) to be checked out in our system and return your hard key (if applicable). Failure to properly check out will result in a $35 Improper Checkout Charge in addition to rent and meal plan charges (see below). Failing to turn in a hard key will result in a $50 rekey charge.
- Residents who are not enrolled for Spring 2027 and do not properly check out are subject to spring semester charges for both rent and meal plan up until the day we can confirm you are no longer occupying your assigned space. Leaving your belongings in the room is occupying the space and will be subject to being charged.
- **Residents who are graduating or unenrolling for Spring 2027 are not eligible for standard Winter Break Access.** Requests to stay beyond Friday, December 11 may be made in writing to housing@etsu.edu. Approval will be on a case-by-case basis, and nightly charges will apply.

## RETURNING FOR SPRING 2027

**Residents who will continue living on campus in Spring 2027 do not need to remove all of their belongings if returning to the same room.**

- Anyone currently without a roommate is expected to keep the room, including the common area, ready for a roommate: i.e. clean with half of the room unoccupied. Hall staff will be conducting Health and Safety Checks and will verify the readiness. A new roommate will likely be assigned for Spring.
- Health and Safety Checks will be conducted throughout the day on Sunday, December 13, from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

**Be advised, your current housing/dining agreement is for Fall 2026/Spring 2027, and you are obligated to pay rent and meal plan for both semesters if enrolled in classes.** If you will be enrolled for Spring 2027 but are wanting to cancel your housing/meal plan agreement for Spring semester, you will need to submit an Appeal, and there is no guarantee that the agreement(s) will be canceled. Information on submitting an appeal can be found at https://www.etsu.edu/students/housing/cancellation.php.

- Moving out of your room/hall does not cancel your housing/dining agreement.
- Moving off-campus is not a sufficient reason to get your on-campus agreement canceled. Students are advised not to sign a lease off-campus until they know the result of their appeal.
- Students appealing should allow two to three weeks to receive a decision.
- The deadline to submit an appeal for Spring is February 7, 2027.

## BEFORE LEAVING FOR WINTER BREAK

**Everyone: Before leaving for all or part of the Winter Break, please do the following:**

1. Clean room by taking trash to dumpster, washing dishes, properly storing food/clothing, and discarding perishable items.
2. Clean and defrost personal mini-fridges, and unplug all unnecessary appliances, where possible. If you have food in a community refrigerator, clean out needed items and label what remains.
3. Take valued items home, including plants and fish.
4. Report any needed repairs, especially water leaks, at https://www.etsu.edu/students/housing/workorder.php.
5. Adjust your thermostat to 69 degrees and put it in the "Auto" setting.
6. Close/lock door/windows and close blinds.

## STAYING FOR WINTER BREAK

**ID Access will be deactivated during the Winter Break, from December 12, 2026 to January 15, 2027.**

**Anyone needing to stay for Winter Break must do/know the following information:**

- **Apply for Winter Break Access through the "Current Resident Services" module within their Housing Portal by Noon on Thursday, December 10, 2026. The processing of this submitted application will ensure your ID remains active for the dates listed above.**
- The terms and conditions of the Winter Break Application and Agreement and all other agreements are in place throughout the break. All current policies remain in place during the break, with the exception of visitation. Visitation is suspended entirely for the duration of Winter Break, through the first day of classes.
- For residents returning in Spring 2027, there is no charge for Winter Break Access.
    - Anyone who applies to stay on campus during the break; and, during that time, decides not to return to ETSU/on-campus housing for Spring 2027 is subject to daily charges from December 13, 2026 to January 14, 2027.
- The University campus may experience water, power, phone, cable, and/or internet (Wi-Fi) outages during the break as a result of planned maintenance or unexpected complications. The University has prepared contingency plans for such emergencies; however, it is strongly advised that residents should plan for alternative housing for the break, if possible.
- The University is not responsible for loss/damage of property. This includes refrigerated food in the event of a power outage.
- Safety Items:
    - Keep your Buc ID and room key with you at all times.
    - Help ensure all outside entrance doors remain closed/locked at all times
    - Be aware of staff coverage in the buildings; see posted notices and talk to staff
    - Due to the small number of students left on campus and for everyone's safety, be alert and report to staff or Public Safety any suspicious behavior or person(s)

## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

| Date | Description |
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| Thursday, December 10, Noon | Winter Break Access Application Deadline |
| Friday, December 11, 6:00 PM | Residence Halls and Apartments Close |
| Sunday, December 13, Noon | Checkout Deadline for Graduates |
| December 13 - January 15 | Winter Break ID Access Deactivated* |
| December 24 - January 3 | ETSU Offices Closed |
| Monday, January 4 | ETSU Offices Reopen |
| Friday, January 15, 9:00 AM | Residence Halls and Apartments Reopen |
| Sunday, February 7 | Spring Housing & Dining Appeal Deadline |

**Residents approved for Winter Break access will retain access as described above.*

*** ETSU OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 24, 2026 TO JANUARY 3, 2027 OFFICES REOPEN ON JANUARY 4, 2027 ***

During this time, hall staff on-duty will be available via the duty cell numbers posted at each hall office and on primary hall entrances.

***From all of us in The Department of Housing & Residence Life, have a Safe and Happy Holiday!***

**Important Numbers**

ETSU Police – 423-439-4480 or 911

Housing & Residence Life – 423-439-4446