

Move-In tips for the start of the academic year/semester:

Prior to Arrival:

- Check in with your landlord before moving in – set up a date/time that works for everyone. Landlords have been encouraged to try and stagger when their tenants move in so as to reduce density.
- Make sure you have looked at SUNY Cortland's [COVID-19 Safety Information website](#) for the latest updates. This website will be updated as needed and/or as local, state, federal, and/or CDC guidelines are adjusted.
- Construction continues on and around Main Street. Get the latest updates from the city's [Crowncityrising website](#).
- Give serious thought to having insurance (in case of fire, robbery, etc.) Are you covered by your parents' or guardians' homeowner's policy? If not, consider purchasing renter's insurance (this can be done at any time, usually not too expensive)
- If you are responsible for getting your utilities connected see if you can do it ahead of time or at least get it scheduled so it's one less thing to do when you get back in town. Be patient if this can't happen right away – they've got lots to do with students returning. Read your lease, maybe your landlord takes care of this.

Upon Arrival:

- Have a copy of your lease with you and easily accessible when you arrive. Why? Just in case questions come up. Don't have a copy of your lease? Ask your landlord for one.
- Take pictures/video of your apartment/house as you move in. Why? Could be helpful when you move out and go to get back your security/damage deposit.
- Did/Will the landlord promise to do things (unfinished repairs, painting, etc.)? If so, get it in writing with both their signature and a date. Do the same thing if you asked and were given permission to do something (paint a room, etc.).
- Find out when trash and recycling are picked up and what guidelines are in place for where you live.
- The City of Cortland does not allow overnight parking on its streets (landlords are supposed to provide one parking spot for each tenant). Make sure you know where to park.
- Introduce yourself to your neighbor(s) – Not just other students in the area but also the year-round residents.
 - Starting things off on a positive note is always a good thing.

A few local resource numbers are:

City of Cortland Code Enforcement Office: 607-753-1741

City of Cortland Fair Housing Officer: 607-753-1433

SUNY Cortland Campus Activities Office: 607-753-5574

(Our office oversees the broad area of off campus housing/living)

Visit our [Off-Campus Housing](#) website for more information.