Dear MSU Student,

We are happy that you have chosen Montana State University. Please carefully read all of the information we have provided about the many services you will be utilizing as an MSU student to make your transition to campus life easier.

- **MOVE IN DAY!** The Residence Halls open on Aug 19, 2014 at 9am. If you need to move in before August 20, you must contact the Residence Life Office for approval.
- **2015–2016 Room and Board Rates** Review the costs associated with our various living and meal plan options.
- **Things to Bring** Your residence hall room will be your home away from home. Don’t forget the essentials.
- **Connecting with your Roommate** Follow these simple guidelines to ensure a smooth start with your new roommate.
- **Break Housing Information** The majority of the residence halls close for Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring breaks, but we do provide housing at an additional cost for those who would like to remain on campus. Storing your belongings in your room during break periods is free.
- **Loft Information** Refer to the loft plans online at www.montana.edu/reslife/loft_plans
- **ResNet Internet Access** High speed internet is available while living on campus. Most residence halls are completely wireless; Ethernet jacks are available in all rooms.
- **Parking Information** If you are bringing a vehicle to campus, you must purchase a parking permit. Learn to identify lots designated for students. www.montana.edu/parking
- **Mail & Packages** Due to limited staff and facility space, Residence Life is unable to handle mail and packages that arrive before Wednesday, August 19. Please arrange for any packages and mail that you are shipping to campus to arrive on or after August 19.

We look forward to your arrival on campus; enjoy the remainder of the summer.

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**CatCard FAQs**

**What is a CatCard?**
A student’s CatCard serves as a campus photo ID, on-campus debit card and meal pass. It also provides access to athletic facilities and after-hours access for students living in the residence halls.

**How do I get my CatCard?**
Your CatCard will be issued to you during orientation. Your first bill will have a $15 ID fee for the CatCard. If you are not attending an orientation session, please come to the CatCard Office, room 134 in the Strand Union Building (next to the Bookstore).

**How do I use my CatCard as a debit card?**
Money can be deposited to your CatCard at 134 SUB, by calling the CatCard office, or at the Residence Life Cashier’s office in the Hedges Complex. If your meal plan comes with CUC, it will be deposited on your CatCard at the beginning of each semester. Students and parents can deposit money online using a credit/debit card. Your CatCard can be used as a debit card at Food Services, retail establishments on campus, copy machines, vending machines, Health Service, Dental Service and the Student Accounts Office. The only way to wash laundry in the residence halls is by using a CatCard.

**What if I lose my card or it is stolen?**
It is your responsibility to report if your CatCard is lost or stolen. You can report it online at www.montana.edu/catcard or by calling 406-994-2273. Voice mail will pick up after hours. There is a $15 replacement charge for a new card.

**What happens to the money on a CatCard at the end of the semester?**
All money on your CatCard will roll over to the next semester. At the end of the semester or if you leave MSU, you can request a refund. This is the only time money is refunded from CatCard accounts.

For more information, call 406-994-2273 or visit www.montana.edu/catcard

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**RESLIFE EVENTS**

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For more information, contact the Residence Life Office at 406-994-2265 or housing@montana.edu
**PARKING ON CAMPUS**

**PLEASE READ MSU PARKING REGULATIONS AT**
[www.montana.edu/parking](http://www.montana.edu/parking)

**All students, faculty, staff and visitors must register their vehicles or obtain a permit to park on campus. You are responsible for anyone parking your vehicle on campus, as well as for all fines.**

**How to avoid a parking ticket**
- Register your vehicle
- Call for access to service drives
- Don’t stay in 30-minute zones longer than 30 minutes
- Don’t park in reserved spaces
- Don’t park in a Handicap Zone
- Don’t park in the SUB Oval – The first 30 minutes are free
- If you get a ticket, pay it on time
- Call for access to service drives
- Register your vehicle

**www.montana.edu/reslife**

For more information on meal plans, please visit [www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans](http://www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans).

Room and board rates vary based on room type and meal plan. For more information on meal plans, please visit [www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans](http://www.montana.edu/reslife/mealplans).

**ROOM AND BOARD SEMESTER RATES**

**Regent approved rates—subject to change**

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**BREAK HOUSING SCHEDULE 2015-2016**

Although the residence halls officially close during Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring breaks, students are still able to live on campus. Roskie, Johnstone and the Head Waters Complex (including RLA) are open during each of the holidays. No Break Fees are charged for HWC/RLA if students register before the deadline. Students living in other halls may be required to temporarily move during the break period. There is an additional charge for students who stay on campus during break housing, these costs are not assessed to students who do not use the services. Only authorized individuals are allowed in the residence halls during breaks, therefore, guests are not permitted.

**Residence halls closed**

- Thanksgiving Break: 12th Wednesday, November 25 – 12th Sunday, November 29
- Winter Break: 12th Saturday, December 12 – 12th Sunday, January 10
- Spring Break: 12th Sunday, March 12 – 12th Sunday, March 20
- Spring Closing/Summer Housing: The residence halls officially close for the summer on Saturday, May 7, at 12 noon.

**Break housing cost (flat rate) and dates**

- Thanksgiving Break: $40; November 25 – 29
- Winter Break: $290; December 12 – January 10
- Spring Break: $80; March 12 – 20

**Contact the Residence Life Office at 406-994-2661 or housing@montana.edu**