

City Ordinances to Know

Barbecues

Use of any open-flame device on porches or overhangs is prohibited. Grills must be placed at least 12 feet from a structure.

Fireworks

New York State law prohibits the possession or use of fireworks.

Littering and Dumping:

Littering or dumping on any public property, public right-of-way, or private property is prohibited. The ordinance defines littering as the discarding of a single item of waste onto the ground by a person.

Noise

Excessive or unnecessary noise that can be heard across property lines is prohibited; this includes noise between apartments in the same building—such as playing a radio, stereo, television, musical instrument, or any other device in such a manner that its sound crosses property lines.

Nuisance Party

A nuisance party as a party in which any of the following behaviors are observed: disorderly conduct; unlawful possession of an open container; outdoor urination or defecation in a public place; unlawful sale, furnishing, dispensing, or consumption of an alcoholic beverage; sale or furnishing of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person; possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by an underage person; unlawful possession, sale, or use of a controlled substance; unlawful deposit of litter or refuse; unlawful pedestrian or vehicular traffic; standing or parking of vehicles that obstructs the free flow of traffic on public streets and sidewalks, or that impedes the ability to render emergency service; or unlawfully loud noise. The ordinance defines “responsible person” as the property owners, occupants, or tenants of the premises of the nuisance party. Upon observation of a nuisance party, the Syracuse Police Department may approach the premises and disband the party, in which case all non-residents must leave the premises.

Open Containers

Open containers of alcoholic beverages on city streets and sidewalks are prohibited. All alcohol must be in the manufacturer’s sealed container.

Parking

Parking on front lawns and parking across sidewalks is illegal and a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks. Odd-even parking starts at 6 p.m. on odd dates on the odd-number address side, and 6 p.m. on even dates on the even-number address side of the street.

Pets

The leash law requires your pet to be on a leash at all times unless fenced on your property. You must also clean up after your pet.

Upholstered Furniture

Couches and other upholstered furniture for indoor use are not permitted outside on porches or in yards.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

It is important to realize that in addition to abiding by community standards and local and state laws, off-campus students are expected to adhere to the University’s Code of Student Conduct. Off-campus students may receive judicial sanctions from the University for behavior that violates the Code of Student Conduct.

For your safety please do not overcrowd 2nd floor porches and stay off of roofs.