Important Final Check-Out Information 2019

General Information

- All Residence Halls will be closing at the end of exam week. You must check-out of your room on the day of your last exam or within 24 hours of your last exam*
  - (* by Friday morning, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. for Thursday evening exams, special circumstances, or students remaining on campus for the summer.)
  - Sign up at the hall desk for your check-out time, and do this early, to ensure you get the time you need.
  - Follow the Check-Out Procedures on the back of this page. When you leave determines what you clean.

- Failure to check out properly will result in a fine and cleaning charges, up to $200 per person.

Clean and Pack Day – Thursday, May 9, 4-10pm

https://calvin.edu/offices-services/residence-life/resources/moving-out.html

- Use this day, after classes have ended for the semester, to begin the cleaning and packing process. Cleaning supplies and boxes will be available at the front desk, the trunk room will be open every hour, and staff can assist with un-stacking of beds or answering questions about the check-out process.
  - Special incentive: Have your bathroom clean by 8:00 p.m. on May 9 and you can enter a drawing for $10 Bonus Bucks to use during exam week. Register your bathroom at the front desk by 8:00 PM, and an R.D. will inspect it to verify. One winner per hall!
  - Make some progress and then celebrate with us with free hot dogs, hot off the grill, in front of Knollcrest Dining Hall at 10:00 p.m.

Additional Checkout Details

- Regular Check-Out Hours:
  - Tuesday-Thursday (5/14 – 5/16): 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sign up for a time at the front desk.
  - Friday (5/17), special circumstances only. Fill out the request form at the front desk:
    - students with Thursday night exams
    - students moving to transitional housing
    - special requests based on flights, carpooling, or other situations
  
  Note: Because this is the FINAL day of check-outs, there may be fines (up to $50) for those that have not completed the check-out process by 10 a.m.

- Donations:
  - Help us reduce the amount of waste during check-out by donating unwanted items. There will be a collection area in every hall lobby where you can donate items to a local church (Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church) to be sold at a fund-raising garage sale. Any clothing, furniture, or functional household items are welcome.
• **Recycling:**
  - Check-out time is also a good time to recycle paper, cardboard, glass, and plastic bottles, etc. Recycling containers will be available near every dumpster and in multiple locations around the residence halls.

• **Trunk Room:**
  - Many of your items may be stored in the Trunk Room over the summer.
  - Hours: Thursday, May 9 through Thursday, May 16, 8:00-8:15 PM. Other times by appointment and a $1 charge—contact the hall desk.
  - All storage is at your own risk. Calvin assumes no liability for lost, damaged, or stolen items.
  - All items must have an official label (available at the Trunk Room).
  - **Sorry, no storage is available on campus for furniture.**

• **Bicycles:**
  - Bikes may be stored in the bike room of your hall.
  - Please register your bike through the campus safety website at [http://www.calvin.edu/admin/campus-safety/](http://www.calvin.edu/admin/campus-safety/) and receive a free bike tag.
  - Untagged bikes that are found in outside bike racks around campus this summer will be removed by Campus Safety.
  - Calvin assumes no liability for lost, damaged, or stolen bikes.

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**Transitional Housing**

• Students in need of housing after May 17 (later travel arrangements, summer housing in KE, etc.) will be required to stay in **Rooks-Van Dellen (RVD)** beginning May 17. Housing is available there until May 20, when the Knollcrest East apartments are available for summer housing. If you need transitional housing, please report to the RVD desk on Friday, May 17, at 11:00 a.m. There is a small charge ($25). You do not need to sign-up in advance.

• **Note:** Students moving from their hall to RVD on May 17 to participate in transitional housing must check-out of their room by 10 a.m. but can stay in their room until RVD opens for transitional housing at 11 a.m.
Check-Out Procedures

1. BEFORE your check-out time:
   a. Clean room completely and thoroughly. See assignments below, based on the order of departure in your suite.
   b. Clean the walls in the hallway outside of your room.
   c. Have all your belongings out of your room.
   d. Arrange furniture in your room according to the attached diagram.
   e. Make sure all trash and recycling has been taken to the trash areas outside.

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<td>• cleaning his/her cabinets (unlocked), drawers, desk, and half of closet (entire room if single)</td>
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<td>• cleaning the shower and top of bathroom light (and bathroom floor if only 2 people in suite)</td>
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<td>• vacuuming floor</td>
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**There will be No Negotiations on these responsibilities. The last person in the suite should not get stuck with all final cleaning. Take precautions and get a head-start on your cleaning responsibilities.**

2. AT THE TIME of your Check-Out:
   a. If your room is not ready when the R.D./R.A. comes for the check-out, you must sign up again at the hall front desk. Be ready the first time!
   b. You will be assigned one “community chore” to complete. (You may receive your assignment earlier than your check-out time by contacting the hall front desk.)
   c. You will be asked to take any hallway trash to the dumpster.

3. COMPLETING the Check-Out:
   a. Once your room has passed inspection, the hallway is clear of trash, and your community task is complete, you will sign the check-out form and give keys to the staff member.

Follow these procedures for a smooth and successful check-out!
Contact your Resident Director with any questions.
Make sure you have:

- Two beds*
- Two mattresses*
- Two mattress pads*
- Two desks
- Two desk chairs
- Two desk-top book shelves
- Two separate bookshelves
- Two dressers
- Two bulletin boards
- Smoke alarm in place, functional
- Two wastebaskets
- One recycling container
- Four bathroom baskets
- Bed pins (place in desk drawer)
  *One for single rooms

Prior to the first person in your suite checking out, please arrange your furniture in this manner:

**Shower Check:**

- Floor clean, scraped
- Walls clean, no soap film/scum
- Shower head, soap dish clean
- Curtain and frame clean and scrubbed, front and back, with no soap scum
- Fixtures polished

**Bathroom Check:**

- Top of light washed off
- Doors and walls washed
- Cupboards, drawers empty and washed
- Sink and fixtures polished and shiny
- Towel bars clean
- Toilet bars clean
- Toilet spotless
- Floor spotless, even in corners and behind toilet
- No trash in the hallways

**Bedroom Check:**

- Wipe walls, remove tape
- Clean doors (marker, sticky tabs, etc.)
- Dresser and desk drawers empty and clean
- Book shelves empty and dusted
- Closet shelves empty and dusted
- Bulletin board clear and dusted
- Window sill and track wiped
- Inside of window washed
- Baseboards wiped
- Floor thoroughly vacuumed – especially under furniture, cabinet, heater
- Clean all of the writing off of the outside of your room door and the hallway near your room. (Magic Erasers work well for this, and are available at the hall front desk)