

## **Appliances**

Due to the risk of fire in the hall, Davidson College approves only the following appliances for use in residence hall rooms:

- Coffee makers, hot air popcorn poppers, slow cookers/crock pots, blenders, can openers
- Refrigerators and microwave ovens (see restrictions)\*
- Hair dryers, electric shavers, irons (with auto shutoff)
- De-humidifiers and air purifiers

Prohibited appliances include (but are not limited to): open coil burners (hot plates), griddles or grills (including Foreman-type grills), toasters, fryers, indoor/outdoor grills or hibachis, window air conditioners, portable space heaters, electric blankets, halogen lamps, and heat lamps.

Most of the prohibited appliances are allowed in the Martin Court Apartments, since they have full kitchens and are used much more extensively for cooking on a day-to-day basis.

## **Electrical Equipment**

Sharing a residential community includes sharing the utility capabilities of that facility. Outlets and overall electrical capacity in all student-housing areas can easily be overloaded if misused. As a result, this policy requires that students use caution and limit their use of electrical equipment in the residential buildings to minimize risk of harm to themselves and the community. Therefore:

- All electrical items must be Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed and in good operating condition.
- Extension cords are not allowed. Students should only use power strips for additional outlets.
- Students should spread out appliances within a room or apartment to lessen the load on individual outlets -do no overload outlets.
- Microfridges, hair dryers, and other such appliances should be plugged directly into the wall outlet rather than a power strip.

\* In order to reduce the use of electricity, Davidson College endorses the use of the Energy Star rated Microfridge product. This is a special refrigerator/freezer and microwave oven combination appliances that is available to Davidson College students through Standards for Living. Please visit their [website](#) to learn more about how students may rent or purchase a Microfridge. Standards for Living will deliver your unit to your room just prior to your arrival on campus in the fall.