

Varsity House
Friendly Reminders
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• Mail

When you bring in the mail, put it in the addressees' mail-boxes—don't just sort for your own. Our house mother's name is Alexandra Roderick, or Alex Roderick. Be sure to put her mail in her mailbox.

• Guests

Do your best to make sure guests feel welcome. If a guest feels uncomfortable with something you do and you are aware of it, it's an opportunity to examine your conduct. If you see a person around the house that you don't know, ask them if they are being helped. Treat women visitors well. Never make a lady who is visiting our house feel uncomfortable! Women should never leave Varsity House at night without someone offering to walk her home or to her car; this is not just courtesy, this is safety.

• Sleeping porches

The sleeping porches are to be quiet all the time. If you get out of bed before your alarm clock goes off, be sure to turn it off. Don't use the snooze button. The windows are to be open at all times due to state health codes for ventilation. If you are hanging out on main floor late at night, be considerate of the people sleeping beneath you in the basement.

• Parking

First Baptist Church owns the parking lot that we use, and they have been very kind to allow us to use it when they do not need it. House residents' cars are not to be in the parking lot from 12 a.m. Sunday morning to 12 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Do not park on the basketball court unless you are unloading something from your car and promptly move it when finished.

• Laundry

You must sign up for a time to use the washing machine. Do not sign up for more than two hours at a time. The whiteboard rotates dates—if you are the first person to sign up for a particular day, erase the other people who were signed up for the previous week, and then change the date (number) at the top of the column. Normally the person handling the laundry room work duty will keep the dates updated. Remove your clothes from the laundry room promptly when finished. If your clothes are heavily soiled, do not pre-clean them in the laundry room. Hose them off outside.

• Noise

Be considerate of others. If someone asks you to turn down your stereo, do it. Do not play basketball or piano after 10 p.m.

House care

Take good care of the things in the house. Do not abuse the sofas, the television cabinet, or, for that matter, anything. Doors to the outside are to be locked after about 11 PM; keys are available if you want one and there is a door code on the front door.

• Mealtime etiquette

Always use good table manners. There are frequently guests at our meals, and it is important for us to give the impression that we are respectable people. Do not sit down to eat before the house mother has sat down unless she says otherwise. Do not wear hats to the table during meal times. Pay attention during announcements (a rule of thumb: if you're talking, you're not listening) and do not eat while Scripture is being read.

- House meetings

Generally, house meetings are held every other Monday at 5:30 PM. Attendance is mandatory, the only generally accepted excuses for not attending are class, work, and family emergencies. If you will be absent, you must leave a note for the secretary; if your excuse is unacceptable, you can be fined. Pay attention at house meetings—we do important business at them.

- Kitchen

When you use the kitchen, do not leave it a mess. Our chef is an employee of Varsity House- if we leave the counters dirty in the kitchen, we are treating our employee poorly.

When you put dishes in the dishwasher area, they should be completely clean of food—the dishwasher does not clean, it only sanitizes. Stack dishes neatly in the dishwasher area (plates on plates, bowls on bowls) and put silverware in the tub provided.

Do not open up bulk food packages without asking the cook or the house mother first. Certain ingredients have been placed by the stove for use by house members; do not raid the pantry for these ingredients when they run out! They are refilled once per week, and when they're gone, they're gone. Do not throw utensils.

- Main floor

Footwear is required on main floor, including the kitchen. Shirts are also required, unless you are quickly passing through main floor on your way to your room.

- Philippians 2:3-4

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”