

Greek Village Housing Damage Policy

University Housing Residents are responsible for abiding by all University policies including, but not limited to, the Mercer Student Code of Conduct, the Housing Contract, the Housing Rules and Regulations, and the following Greek Village Housing Damage Policy. All residents are responsible for knowing and adhering to these rules and regulations.

Under these policies, organizations are financially responsible for damages that occur in the common areas and vacant rooms in their houses. Whenever possible, and with the assistance of the chapters, charges will be assigned to the individuals responsible for the actual damage. However, if responsibility cannot be ascertained, then responsibility for the charges falls on the organization.

In order to foster a climate of responsibility that minimizes the amount of expenses that get passed on to the general student population, groups that (1) sustain high amounts of damage, (2) reportedly damage their facilities from semester to semester, and/or (3) fail to adequately monitor and identify those responsible for the damage will be subject to the following levels of response:

Level 1: Organization residences found to only show signs of normal wear and tear (defined as damage totaling less than \$500) will be subject to the following:

1. Routine monthly health and safety inspections.

Level 2: Organization residences incurring \$500 worth of new damage/charges during any inspection within a semester period will be subject to the following:

1. Additional inspections of the property as determined by Housing and Residence Life.
2. All past due debt and current damage assessments must be paid in full within one month of written notification of damages and charges.
3. Individual residents face possible judicial charges of destruction of University policy.
4. Housing probation for one semester.

Level 3: Organization residences on Level 1 accruing \$1500 worth of damages/charges or organization residences on Level 2 exhibiting an additional \$1000 worth of damages/charges will be placed on Level 3 and will be subject to the following:

1. Organizations will be judicially charged with destruction of University property.
2. All past debt and current damage assessments must be paid in full within one week of written notification of damages and charges.
3. Housing probation for one calendar year.

Failure of an organization to satisfy their sanctions for Level 3 will result in the organization being referred to the Greek Review Committee for failure to comply and may result in their dismissal from University housing and loss of their recognition by the University.