

Everything you ever wanted to know about Climate Control but were afraid to ask Residence Life..



As we look forward to the seasons changing, we begin to prepare to turn off air conditioning and turn on heat in University residence halls. This flyer provides information about how we make the changes in all halls, **except La Paz, Pima, Villa del Puente, Pueblo de la Cienega and Posada San Pedro**. Temperature control in these halls is individually controlled by students in their rooms.

Our location in the beautiful Sonoran Desert means temperatures fluctuate at this time of year from highs in the 90's to lows in the 60's or lower—daily! Most buildings on campus, including your student's residence hall, are cooled by chilled water and heated by hot water in central plants on campus. This water is then circulated to fan coil units within buildings. This method is very efficient and allows the University to save millions of dollars in utility expenses each year. However, buildings with this technology can only accommodate one type of water (heated or chilled) at a time. And it takes several days to convert from one type of water to the other.

Given our climate and heating/cooling technology, we have taken great care to consider how best to change from air conditioning to heat in the fall and the reverse in the spring.

Our policy attempts to provide residents themselves with control over the decisions. While the policy has been developed over many years' experience and discussion with residents, we welcome any suggestions from students or parents.

Fall Semester Policy:

Air Conditioning is operating in all halls when the semester begins. Air conditioning is turned off in all halls on or about November 15.

Heat is turned on in each hall when one of two conditions occurs:



- A majority of residents in the building requests heat via a sign-up sheet maintained at the hall's front desk; or
- We experience three consecutive nights of temperatures below 40 degrees.

Spring Semester Policy:

Heat is operating in all halls when the semester begins. Heat is turned off in each hall when a majority of residents in the building requests it via a sign-up sheet maintained at the hall's front desk.

Air Conditioning is turned on in each hall when a majority of residents in that building requests it via a sign-up sheet maintained at the front desk.



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