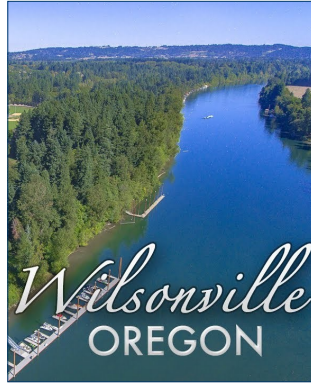**Oregon Tech Portland-Metro**

Housing Guide

Welcome to the Oregon Tech Portland-Metro Campus! Our urban campus is located in Wilsonville, OR at the heart of the "Silicon Forest". Just off I-5, we are conveniently located near the metro area and all that Portland has to offer!

The Portland-Metro campus does not have a dormitory or residence hall and all of our students find local housing on their own. Here are some resources to help you get started on your search!

Getting Started

- Check out our searchable database of apartments here
- Search online at websites like For Rent, Apartment Guide, or Craigslist
- Download the Oregon Tech App and utilize the student housing feed to connect with current and incoming students for roommate pairings or open rooms.

   Oregon Tech does not sponsor or promote any of these rental options. We try to update the database as often as possible, but cannot verify that the information is correct at all times

Looking for a roommate?

- Find some tips on the next page.

First time renter?

- Check out additional information on apartment basics and things to consider in the following pages.

Tips for the search:

♦ Don't have a car? Look for apartments that are near a [South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART)](#) line. SMART buses are free within the city of Wilsonville and Oregon Tech offers discounted student passes for surrounding travel.

♦ [TriMet](#) is the metro-area's main public transportation system.

♦ Parking is free on campus! You wont need to consider this cost in your apartment search.

♦ Are there stores and services near the rental that are accessible to you?

♦ Test you cell phone for service in any rental you visit. Wilsonville is sometimes tricky with certain carriers.

Finding a roommate:

♦ Download the [Oregon Tech App](#) to your mobile device, select the Portland-Metro experience, and locate the housing feed.

♦ Browse the posts and reach out to anyone who is either offering a room in currently established housing or is looking for a roommate match to apartment hunt with.

♦ Post a little bit about yourself and the specifics you are looking for in housing or a roommate.
   - A sample post might say something like:

   "I'm starting at Oregon Tech in the fall and I'm looking to rent a room. I'm hoping to spend no more than $1000/month on rent and utilities. I'm open to roommates of all genders. I'm allergic to cats and I prefer to go to sleep before 11pm. Reach out to me if you have a room open or if you think we might make a good pair to look for an apartment near campus."

♦ The great thing about the app is that only community members of Oregon Tech post to this feed and it's monitored by staff members for security.

♦ You can communicate to other students directly through the app if you'd rather not share your personal information.

Have a room to post?

♦ Post it to the housing feed in the Oregon Tech App so that other students can find the information!

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Apartment basics:

Room rental costs in our area range from $600 per month to $800 depending on location and amenities. Apartment rentals can range from $1000 to $1,800, again depending on location and amenities. In addition to the monthly rental fee, a student must also consider the additional costs of renting an apartment. Some apartments will require you to pay for your own electricity, water and sewer bills. Also, most apartments are unfurnished so you must figure the cost of obtaining furniture and household items into the initial cost of your apartment.

Once you have found a suitable apartment be sure to do the following:

- Be prepared to pay an application fee for a non-refundable credit check.
- Read the rental agreement and do not sign it if there is something you do not understand.
- Find out how much the security deposit is.
- Is there a grace period if you do not have the rent money on the exact day? Are there penalties?
- Will you have to pay for your own water and sewer or is it included in the rent?
- Will you have to pay your own electricity?
- What about garbage pick-up?
- What internet providers can you use and is this included?
- Are there any other monthly charges?
- Are you required to have renters insurance? If so how much coverage?
- When you move in, be sure to inspect each room carefully. Write down anything that needs repair. They should give you a checklist for this. Be sure to get a signed copy of the checklist.
- If you have a pet, make sure to ask management about any pet policies.
- Ask about parking availability and fees on site. Some complexes charge for covered parking but not open spaces, some don't have reserved parking at all.

Have questions about housing at Portland-Metro?

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