

Lowell Student Kitchen Rules

We are excited to see a lot of students using our Student kitchen. This is one of the best perks of living in Lowell, which we hope will contribute to your health and convenience. Please be mindful of others sharing the common kitchen space, and use your common sense in helping us keep the area **safe, clean, and functional**. Here are some basic safety and courtesy rules to follow to maintain the kitchen space running smoothly.

Safety Rules:

- Always reserve the Student kitchen and sign out the key from the building manager's office.
- Never leave a stove or oven unattended (ask someone to watch it for you)
- Do not leave the oven unattended for more than 15 minutes at a time. If you see the stove unattended and empty, please turn it off. Use the time while your food is cooking as an opportunity to clean up after yourself.
- In case of a small grease fire, douse the area with baking soda and/or cover the area with the lid of a pot. Do NOT use water, as this will only move the fire without putting it out.
- In case of a large fire, please pull the fire alarm.

Courtesy and Cleanliness Rules:

- Read and follow all signs in the kitchen.
- Do not cook on a dirty stove or oven.
- Clean up any spills on tables and countertops.
- Wash all dishes that you use.
- Wipe out the microwave after use, particularly if your food splattered inside.
- Sponges are to be used only for dishes. If you use a sponge, please rinse it out before putting it away. Use washcloths or paper towels to clean other stuff.
- Always take out your trash. Recycle any wrappers, containers, peelings, etc., that you no longer want.
- Do not leave leftovers on countertops. Please label, date, and put away anything you wish to keep in the pantry/refrigerator.
- Respect other people's labeled foods.
- Anything left out unlabeled will be considered common property and may be consumed or thrown away.
- If you intentionally wish to leave something in the kitchen to share something with others, please write "Share" on it and date it.
- Thursday is the dump day. Let's ensure we don't have a skunky fridge with forgotten food in there for weeks. If you don't want something thrown out, please leave a post saying "Do Not Throw" on the item.
- Never take anyone else's food knowingly without asking. Disappeared food may seem like small potatoes, but it's a big deal in a communal environment.
- If you see something running out (paper towels, sponges, soap, etc.), please email the building manager or submit a work request.

Thank you for helping us keep the Student kitchen safe, clean, and functional.