

SURVIVAL TIPS

1. New House has an extensive collection of over 600 movies that can be borrowed for free. You can check them out from the front desk for two days at a time. The movie chair buys new DVDs weekly, so send suggestions to nh-movies@mit.edu! You can find the full list online and at desk, where there's a binder to browse.
2. If either of the two printers in New House run out of paper, you can go to the front desk to ask for more printer paper.
3. Laundry costs \$1.00 per load to wash, and \$0.25 per 15 minutes to dry. If the washing machines are all full, but one of them has finished its cycle, you can move the clothes to a dryer and send an email out to nh-forum@mit.edu, i.e. "Washer 10 -> Dryer 11 EOM" This also applies to dryers when they're all being used - you can move a finished load to the bins and put yours in instead.
4. You can check the status of your laundry online by going to the New House website, and click on "Laundry View" on the left.
5. Although any reasonably sized mail will be placed into your mailbox (located next to the front desk), packages will be stored behind desk. When a package arrives for you, your name will appear on the TV screen and you'll receive an email from the desk worker indicating that you should pick it up from front desk.
6. Sometimes, someone will set off the fire alarm while cooking. When that happens, everyone needs to evacuate. However, when it's cold outside, we can always go through the connection to MacGregor and hide there. Anyone living in Houses 1, 2, and 3 should head towards the MacGregor lobby, and anyone in Houses 4, 5, or 6 should head towards the Next House lobby.
7. You may reserve open spaces in New House, such as the House 4 Study Lounge or courtyards, by filling out a form available on our dorm website. Check the left hand side for "Reservation Calendar." The facilities chair is responsible for confirming reservations.
8. The projector may also be reserved through the same process.
9. nh-post@mit.edu is the official mailing list for New House for important announcements. The message must first be approved by our dorm president before it is sent out. If you have announcements like "Selling a TV!" or "Does anyone have a 7.012 textbook?" send it out to nh-forum@mit.edu. [nh-forum](mailto:nh-forum@mit.edu) is the general, more informal mailing list.
10. You may also email out by class year such as nh-2016@mit.edu.
11. New House Exec meetings are open to everyone, and all residents are encouraged to attend! :)
12. Please maintain a respective level of silence during Finals Week throughout the dormitory.

13. We're one of only two dorms with air conditioning in rooms! You can adjust the temperature in your room by opening the hatch next to the vent.
14. You can also adjust the temperature of shared spaces like first-floor kitchens and lounges. The thermostats are usually located near the windows. (Again, you have to lift up the hatch next to the vent.)
15. MacGregor has a convenience store in its bottom floor (affectionately called "MacCon") that is within easy access to New House. If you go past the laundry rooms, you'll enter a hallway connecting New House to MacGregor, and you'll find MacCon on your left. Be aware that you'll need your ID to return to New House, though, so don't forget to bring it with you.
16. Houses 1, 3, and 5 all have balconies in the back that can be reached from the 2nd and 3rd floors. The balconies have a fantastic view of the Charles River and Boston skyline. If the weather's nice, you can pset outside on the tables. (The courtyards work, too.)
17. Whenever New House has a dorm-wide social event and there's free food, be sure to line up early - as in, at least 10 minutes early - if you want to beat the line.
18. New House has two vending machines located next to the laundry room that sell all sorts of delicious junk food. All proceeds go to New House! :)
19. New House has indoor bike racks located in the first floor of each house. If these are full, there are more bike racks outside.
20. Professor Harris' dog is named Whistler. He is a wonderful stress relief tool. He loves students.
21. It takes around 12 minutes to walk to main campus from New House. It's a 15-20 minutes walk to Stata. It takes 5 minutes to bike to the Student Center and 10 to Stata (counting unlocking your bike and locking it back up).
22. The Tech Shuttle and Cambridge West Saferide Shuttle also stop by New House, and are good alternatives to walking.
23. Copies of The Tech (MIT's student newspaper) are delivered to the front desk every Tuesday and Friday. They're free and up for grabs!
24. Front desk also has a scanner and photocopier available to use (you don't have to walk to the Student Center!)
25. Each of the houses has a bathroom on the first floor near the kitchens, so you don't have to run up to your floor in case of an emergency.
26. Student groups often leave free food out at desk (again, up for grabs!). The desk worker will send out an email. These usually disappear very quickly (< 5 min).
27. Label any food you put into the kitchen refrigerators!!! It makes things so much easier for everyone.
28. If you have a really nice room, you may be able to "squat" your room for the following year. Check your house's rules for more information.

FACILITIES

Gym

Location: House 2, First Floor

Important Information: Do not drop the weights. ID is required for access. Contains stereo and TV.

Bike Room/Maker Space

Location: New House-Macgregor Tunnel; look for a sign

Important Information: The code to the door is 2453 (bike). Check out the tools behind desk; additional tools are around campus. Also used to store bikes in the summer.

Game Room

Location: House 5, First Floor

Important Information: Includes pool, foosball and ping pong. Pick up gaming supplies from behind desk.

House 4 Study Lounge

Location: House 4, First Floor

Important Information: Can be reserved for meetings and social functions. Glass boards on the wall that can be used for teaching peers.

Multipurpose Meeting Room aka House 6 Lounge

Location: House 6, First Floor

Important Information: Can be reserved for meetings and social functions. The practice room is on the left as you enter the door and contains a variety of musical instruments.

Courtyards

Location: Between Houses 1 and 3, and Houses 3 and 5.

Important Information: Do not leave the doors to Memorial Drive open. Frequently used for cookouts, games of volleyball, snowball fights, and sometimes building projects.

Arcade

Location: First Floor Hallway connecting all the houses

Important Information: Has lovely plants and giant windows. Used during finals and CPW for breakfast every morning, also can be reserved for dorm wide events.

Laundry Room

Location: In the Arcade, Beyond the Housemaster Suite on the right.

Important Information: Be expeditious with your laundry, otherwise clothes will be put in baskets and donated every month. Machines accept quarters and Tech Cash.

Athena Cluster

Location: House 3, First Floor, past the staircase on the right

A Message From Your Friendly Facilities Chair

So hopefully you've learned all about the different living communities by now, because I'm going to be talking about the shared facilities around New House. We have a gym, bike room/maker space, game room, study lounge, multi-purpose meeting room with a grand piano, large tv and a music practice room, two courtyards with fire pits, and an arcade! Well, to be fair the arcade is the hallway on the first floor that connects all 6 houses, and it is currently lacking in pinball machines and air hockey tables, but that may change, who knows?! We also have an Athena cluster. Be nice to our Athena cluster. It is getting on in its years and is no longer as spry and beautiful as it used to be. If you just need to look up something quickly or print off a p-set, there is also a computer station near the front desk. I almost forgot we also have a laundry room! I mean, I usually seem to remember that we have a laundry room until I'm trapped in my room by an avalanche of clothes. On the way to the laundry room you can also grab yourself a drink and a snack from our incredibly intelligently priced vending machines. All funds from the vending machines go towards the New House budget, so you don't have to feel bad about eyeing those super deluxe donuts there...

Also, there are important things that can be borrowed that are kept behind the front desk. These include sports equipment (lots of balls), ping pong balls and paddles for the game room (more balls), chalk for the pool sticks in the game room, and a soon-to-be new supply of foosballs for the game room. There is a large collection of movies that will continue to be updated all year, a projector for all of your presentation needs, bike pumps for when you feel a bit deflated (also now with needles to blow up the balls), tools for the maker space, and finally a very useful copier (use MIT CopyTech for large jobs) and scanner, which can be used but would be quite inconvenient to remove from behind desk and borrow.

Thank you for reading,

Anthony McHugh
New House Facilities Chair