

Wall Decoration Guidelines

New Hall • Jones Hall Apartments • Townhouses • Lincoln Commons

Most residence hall properties are constructed using cinder block walls and semi-gloss paint. This is not the case for New Hall, Jones Hall, Townhouses or Lincoln Commons.

When living in a building constructed with drywall and painted with flat coat or satin paint, additional care must be taken to not damage walls. Avoid contact that would result in soiling or damaging the wall.

Room decorations are encouraged as long as they do not create health or fire hazards or cause damage to the room or furnishings. The following are not permitted and will result in charges at checkout for people living in New Hall, Jones Hall, Townhouses, or Lincoln Commons:

Large Nails or Screws = Large Holes Poster Putty = Stains on the Walls

Wall Clings, Decals, and Contact Paper = Potential Staining, Adhesive Residue and Rips on the Wall

Duck-Tape and Double-Sided Foam Tape = Adhesive residue and Rips on the Wall

What we recommend for your building

Small pins or thumb tacks are ok for posters or other thin fabric items. That being said, you must use these sparingly. Multiple holes in a wall can lead to significant repairs.

- ✓ Not to be used for items over 2 lbs.
- ✓ All thumbtacks must be pushed in fully and straight to ensure minimal wall damage
- ✓ No more than 4 small thumbtacks per wall



Small nails up to an inch and ½ (4d) or small nail hangers rated at 20lbs are ok for hanging pictures. These can provide a strong foundation while leaving minimal damage.

- ✓ Not to be used for items over 5 lbs.
- ✓ All nails must be used at a 45-degree angle downwards
- ✓ Hangers should not be larger than that for a 20lb rating
- ✓ Do not exceed 4 nail holes in a wall!
- ✓ Take care to not dent the wall or make the hole bigger when removing.



Command Strip products, *Best used for cinder block walls – may or not be the best approach for your room or apartment.* Great care must be applied when removing these products, and they may still rip the wallboard upon removal.

Note: Never use Command Poster Strips – These tend to take the paint off!

See the Command strip removal videos on our website:

[How to Remove Command™ Brand Hooks](#)

[How to Remove Command™ Products When the Strip Breaks](#)



Note: students are still responsible for any potential damage when using any of these products. We are hopeful that these suggestions will result in smaller damages for easier repair, as well as an increased student satisfaction due to fewer charges. It is essential that students report preexisting nail holes and wall damage on their Room Condition Form to not be charged excessively. There is no charge for reasonable wear and tear.

Hall Offices in New Hall, Jones Hall, and Lincoln Commons will have wall hanger supplies available that including hammers, stud finders, and sample nails/hangers.