

# Braun Hall Fact Sheet

Welcome to Braun Hall! You can use this guide to learn basic information on how to control the climate in your room, tips for staying warm or keeping cool, what to do if something breaks, basic room FAQs and links to the REHS policy page.

## Temperature How-To



Braun is a heat or cool only system. The College uses the 10-day weather forecast to determine when to change to summer and winter temperature settings. For Braun Hall we switch from cooling to heating around November 1 of each year, or when the 10-day weather forecast predicts persistent lows below 50°F. We switch from heating to cooling around March 15 each year, or when the 10-day weather forecast predicts persistent lows above 50°F. All air conditioning will be turned on no later than April 1, regardless of the weather.

In Braun, each room has its own thermostat, which can be set between 68 and 75 degrees. The thermostat is a touch-screen. Make sure the screen reads “Occupied” before using the up and down arrows to set temperatures and select fan speeds.

## Temperature Tips

### Need to cool down?

- Keep your windows and blinds closed during the day to help keep your room cool. Open windows at night to help release heat from dorm spaces and create air movement.
- Fans can be your best friend. Remember that fans move air around rather than cooling it, so what you do with a fan and where you put it matters. Set up a fan in the open window blowing the air out. Blowing the air out will create a cross breeze that will push the hot air out; the cooler outside air will automatically be drawn into the room.
- Check that nothing is blocking the movement of air into or out of the vents.
- Invest in an evaporative cooler and fan. Approved evaporative coolers must have a self-contained water source and require no more than 120 volts of electricity at 300 watts.
- On extremely hot days check your email. The College shares information on air-conditioned spaces throughout campus that will remain open later.

### Feeling chilly?

- Check that nothing is blocking the movement of air into or out of the vents. Do not pile clothing or towels on them, push your bed against them, or push carpet against the bottom of the heater as this will significantly limit heat to your room. It's important to make sure your heating source is not covered by drapes, furniture, or other items. Make sure you allow enough room and air flow around your heater for the best efficiency and heat.
- To naturally warm your room, open your blinds to let light in.
- Use draft stoppers (like a rolled-up T-shirt or towel) at the base of your doors to keep cool drafts out.
- Use accent or throw rugs made of fabric that offers insulation, like wool, to help trap the heat inside.
- Don't place heat-producing lamps or other appliances near the thermostat — this can fool the thermostat into reducing the heat supplied to the room.
- Close your window shades or draperies at night to help keep the cold out.

## ■ Something broke! What do I do now?

Visit [oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/work-order-requests](https://oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/work-order-requests) for information and links to the correct forms to fill out a work order request.



## ■ Where and how do I do my laundry?

Your laundry is free! Laundry facilities are available in all residence halls and have equipment instructions posted. If something breaks, visit the work order request link: [oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/work-order-requests](https://oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/work-order-requests)



## ■ Smoke Detectors

Every room is equipped with a smoke detector. It is against college policy to tamper with your smoke detector; violations of this policy will be referred to the office of student conduct. If your smoke detector is broken, complete a work order request online. [oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/work-order-requests](https://oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/work-order-requests).



## ■ Safety Reminders

- Keep your doors locked.
- Do not prop open your doors or doors to the residence halls.
- Communicate with your roommate about guests in advance.

## ■ Microfridges

- Avoid attracting critters and bugs by keeping any food or beverages sealed shut and stored in your microfridge.
- At the end of every semester, you must empty and clean your microfridge before move-out.

## ■ Can my friend visit and stay in the dorm?

Yes, students may have an overnight guest for up to six (6) days in a thirty (30) day period with not more than three (3) consecutive nights, if the presence of the guest does not constitute an inconvenience for roommates or otherwise interfere with the housing community life. You must have the consent of your roommate(s) prior to the visit. In no instance shall a guest become a long-term resident in a College-owned facility. Review the full visitor policy guidelines at [oxy.edu/student-handbook/residential-education-and-housing-services-policies](https://oxy.edu/student-handbook/residential-education-and-housing-services-policies).



## ■ What else should I know?

- **Review the REHS policies website.** Find the College policy for pretty much any question you may have here: [oxy.edu/student-handbook/residential-education-and-housing-services-policies](https://oxy.edu/student-handbook/residential-education-and-housing-services-policies).
- Your RAs are here for you! Do not be afraid to ask for help, small or large.
- Your dorm comes with a standard set of furniture. Do not remove your dorm's furniture, or you will be billed for it in its entirety.

