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## Some students dread end-of-year cleaning

Students share experiences about cleaning and offer tips about fixing damages and stains

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While the prospect of moving can be exhilarating, the thought of cleaning a residence hall room or an apartment before moving out may be more than depressing. Some students risk getting fines or losing their cleaning deposits for neglecting their rooms. Students must find various ways to mend the damage, from

nasty stains to clouds of dust.

"The end of the year is just not as much fun (as moving in)," sophomore Terry Siriphatnaboon said. "You're pissed off because you've just had to go through finals, and studying for that is hell. Then you have to spend hours and hours trying to clean up your room in between studying for finals."

She said it takes several days to completely clean a room

"You don't even realize how much junk you crammed into this room until you try to clean it out," she said. "Everything has to be spotless;

everything has to be gone."

In the residence halls, damages are assessed according to the Room Condition Report that all residents fill out at the beginning of the year. If the custodian finds damage in the room that was not originally marked in the Room Condition Report, residents will be charged accordingly.

Another campus veteran, sophomore Greg Bilstad, had some advice about avoiding fines.

"If you put anything like tape or adhesive on the window sill, or around the window, you're going to need to scrub for a long time because

the sun bakes it on there," he said.

He suggested using Windex or other liquids that help dissolve substances that stick to the walls or windows. Some other things he found helpful include using white correction fluid to cover up holes in the wall and a gob of sticky tack to collect sticky remnants on the wall.

Other residence hall residents had ideas about how to avoid damage charges, such as flipping the bed board upside down in order to hide stains and moving the upper bed board to the lower position to hide scratches. Residents also suggested

using Oxi Clean to remove stains on the carpet, using a wet sponge to loosen tape the sun has baked onto the window and filling holes in walls with toothpaste or putty.

Some damages to the room are easy to fix, but others like stains and broken furniture are more difficult. "The barbecue sauce is going to be pretty bad," said freshman Robert Stroup, who stained the area around his desk while watching a DVD. "(It's) all around the computer. It's the only place to eat when you watch a nice DVD."

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