



TUCSON

RESOURCES

These resources will provide information regarding helpful resources at the University of Arizona and Tucson. Adjusting to life in a new city/country, and culture, can be challenging. Become familiar with the resources here and take advantage of all that the university and Tucson have to offer.

For more resources or questions, contact Paloma Mello Haro, Faculty Affairs Coordinator, at pmello@arizona.edu.

SETTLING IN

HOUSING

The University of Arizona has an Off-Campus Housing department, please visit www.offcampus.arizona.edu/housing

The Tucson Relocation Guide has a helpful website with information regarding housing, neighborhoods, schools, and healthcare. To access, please visit www.tucsonrelocationguide.com/category/tucson-housing/

Helpful rental/lease search websites are:

- www.airbnb.com
- www.vrbo.com
- www.zillow.com
- www.apartments.com
- www.realtor.com
- www.trulia.com
- www.rent.com
- www.pimacountyhousingsearch.org
- www.apartmentguide.com
- www.homes.com

UTILITIES

Before you move in, make sure you turn on or transfer utility services that are your responsibility. If you are unsure of what your responsibility is or who the utility provider is in your neighborhood, ask the landlord.

Utility Companies:

- Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) - www.tep.com
- Southwest Gas Company - www.swgas.com
- Tucson Water - www.tucsonaz.gov/departments/water

Internet, Phone & Cable TV:

- Basic Talk - www.basictalk.com
- CenturyLink - www.centurylinkquote.com/availability/az/tucson

- Cox - www.cox.com/residential
- Comcast – www.xfinity.com
- DISH Network – www.dishpromotions.com

Cell Phones:

When selecting a cell phone plan, you have two main options:

1. A contract plan. These are more common and offer more discounts, but usually require a Social Security Number (SSN) or initial deposit. Remember that once a contract is signed, you will be obligated to pay for the entire contract period. If you break a contract, be prepared to pay a large fee.
2. A pay-as-you-go or prepaid plan. These plans typically have higher monthly fees but are convenient because there is no SSN requirement. Expect higher phone costs and fewer phone options, but more flexibility with your plan.

- AT&T - www.att.com
- T-Mobile - www.t-mobile.com
- Tracfone - www.tracfone.com
- Verizon - www.verizon.com
- Boost Mobile - www.boostmobile.com

FOOD

The goal of the Campus Pantry is to reduce food insecurity in our Wildcat Community. At distribution events, students and staff can grab important food staples at no cost. All you need is your CatCard.

www.campuspantry.arizona.edu

BANKING

There are many banks to choose from in Tucson and several are located close to the University of Arizona campus. Finding a bank that meets your needs and is convenient for you is a big decision. Make sure you do your research before selecting a bank.

The two main types of accounts you can open at a bank are checking accounts and savings accounts. Checking accounts are typically used to deposit and withdraw money frequently and often come with a checkbook and a debit card to access funds, whereas savings accounts collect money over a longer period of time and may have withdrawal limits.

- Bank of America - www.bankofamerica.com
- Chase - www.chase.com
- Vantage West Credit Union - www.vantagewest.org

- Wells Fargo - www.wellsfargo.com
- OneAZ Credit Union - www.oneazcu.com

HEALTHCARE

The University of Arizona proudly offers a comprehensive benefits package for university employees.

The University pays an average of 88% of medical premium health plans. You can choose from multiple health plan options (medical, dental, vision, and flexible spending accounts), including coverage for domestic partners and their families.

For more information regarding UArizona benefits, please visit www.hr.arizona.edu/benefits/benefits-overview

TRANSPORTATION

As a new Tucsonan, you must become familiar with different transportation options in Tucson. If you do not plan on buying a car, there are many other ways to get around campus and explore your surrounding areas.

University Bicycle Services:

- Bicycle registration is important for anyone who loves their bike and wants to make full use of bike-related services and amenities at the University of Arizona. By registering your bike, you will have access to bike valet, as well as secure bike parking in lockers or enclosures. If your bike is stolen or impounded, and recovered by UAPD or PTS, they can use the registration to identify you as the owner of the bike and return your bike to you. www.parking.arizona.edu/bicycle/registration/
- The CatTran is the free campus shuttle. Use the CatTran map to find stops, routes, and pick-up times. If you need on-campus transportation between 6 pm and 12:30 am, you can use the NightCat. You can also download the app to track the CatTran's current location. www.parking.arizona.edu/bicycle
- For more secure bike parking, you can rent a bicycle locker or a space in an enclosure. A bicycle locker is a secure box that fits your bike; it can only be opened with a key. Bicycle enclosures are security-fenced, gated areas that contain bike racks; the enclosures can only be accessed with an individual security code. www.parking.arizona.edu/bicycle/lockers-enclosures

Public Transportation:

- The CatTran is the free campus shuttle. Use the CatTran map to find stops, routes, and pick-up times. If you need on-campus transportation between 6 pm and 12:30 am, you can use the NightCat. You can also download the app to track the CatTran's current location. www.parking.arizona.edu/cattran

- The U-Pass is a discounted transit SunGo pass available to University of Arizona students, faculty, and staff. They offer semester, annual, regular, and express products as well as a physical card or mobile pass available through the GoTucson Mobile Transit app. A U-Pass provides unlimited rides on the City of Tucson Sun Tran Bus System and Sun Link Streetcar. www.parking.arizona.edu/transportation/sungo (Free until further notice, please visit www.suntran.com/fares-passes for more information.)

UA Parking on Campus:

UA Parking and Transportation uses Permit-by-Plate, a license plate recognition equipment that provides virtual permits through a vehicle's license plate instead of paper permits or plastic hangtags. License Plate Recognition (LPR) equipment increases parking efficiency on campus, provides convenience for the parking customer, and greatly reduces the amount of paper and plastic waste.

- UA Parking is paid and limited. Unfortunately, not everyone will be able to obtain a permit. Contact Customer Relations at (520) 626-7275 to check on availability and other options such as the waiting list. To request a permit, log into the Parking Portal with your NetID (do not create a guest login). Please visit www.parking.arizona.edu for more information.

Tucson On-Street Parking Permit Program:

A Commuter/Student Parking Permit from Park Tucson can reserve a space for you close to where you work or go to school. These are the annual on-street parking permits formerly referred to as "Non-residential Permits".

Commuter/Student Parking Permits are available in areas surrounding the University of Arizona, Downtown, and 4th Avenue. The streets are marked with Commuter/Student Permit signage.

The annual permits range from \$150 to \$550, depending on the zone. Semester permits range from \$82.50 to \$302.50.

Please check the zone map and apply online at <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Transportation-Mobility/Park-Tucson/On-Street-Parking-Permit-Program>.

A valid driver's license and a copy of the vehicle registration are required when applying for this permit. If you are a resident of Campus Walk Apartments and are purchasing a permit in Zone D, you must upload a copy of your lease to prove you are a resident.

Permit Renewal Policy: Continuing customers can renew their Commuter/Student parking permits beginning July 15 until July 26 in order to secure their preferred space. If no selection is made, all spaces go on sale to the general public on August 1. If you decide to move to a different location, you will have to wait until August 1 to make the change.

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