

# Refrigerator, Microwave, & MicroFridge FAQs



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## **Can I bring a refrigerator to use in my residence hall room?**

Yes, one compact refrigerator is allowed in single and double occupancy rooms and up to two units may be in a room with a capacity of three or more residents.

## **What are the specifications for compact refrigerators in the residence halls?**

The maximum capacity of a compact refrigerator-freezer unit is 3.1 cu ft (combined). In accordance with Framingham State College's Climate Action Plan we also require that units be ENERGY STAR certified.

## **I was told that there's no such thing as an ENERGY STAR certified compact refrigerator 3.1 cubic feet or under. Is that true?**

You were misinformed. A list of compact refrigerators meeting our guidelines is available at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

## **Is there a microwave available for me to use in my residence hall?**

Yes, residence halls have a common area kitchenette or lounge area with a commercial grade microwave oven for resident use.

## **Can I bring my own microwave to use in my residence hall room?**

No, we do not allow stand-alone microwaves in resident rooms. Certain MicroFridge units, which include microwaves, are permitted in the residence halls. Read on to learn more.

## **What is a MicroFridge?**

A MicroFridge is a multipliance that includes a compact refrigerator and a microwave. The unit has current-limiting circuitry which means that the unit has only one plug and the refrigerator will turn off temporarily while the microwave is in use and vice-versa. This prevents the overloading of electrical circuits in the residence halls.

## **Can I rent a MicroFridge from FSU?**

Yes. A thorough overview of our RAM Refrigerator Rentals program including MicroFridge rental applications are available on our website.

## **Can I bring my own MicroFridge to use in my residence hall room?**

Residents are allowed to bring in privately owned MicroFridge (or like) units in accordance with policy as outlined in the "[Guide to Residence Living](#)":

Personal MicroFridge-type units must be inspected and approved by the Office of Residence Life before they are brought past the residence hall Security Desk. Staff will approve personal compact refrigerators curbside during move-in.

Units not rented from the College must meet the following specifications:

- a. 700 watt microwave max.
- b. max. 3.1 cubic foot total capacity freezer/refrigerator
- c. ENERGY STAR rated ('Energy Certified' does not mean Energy Star- be careful!)
- d. utilize current limiting circuitry and have only one plug to the wall

If you have any questions please email Residence Life at [residencelife@framingham.edu](mailto:residencelife@framingham.edu) or call our office at 508-626-4636.