



STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dear Auburn Student,

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we navigate unforeseen challenges over the past several days involving Cambridge Hall. The health, well-being, and personal and academic success of Auburn students remain at the forefront of our priorities. Following careful considerations with multiple campus safety units and external experts and with abundant caution, we have made the difficult decision to close Cambridge Hall for the 2023-24 academic year.


WHY WE MADE THIS DECISION

When repairing water intrusion issues caused by severe summer rainstorms, we discovered additional moisture concerns further exacerbated by significant rainfall and extreme heat and humidity throughout July and early August. Remediation efforts dictated a timeline that does not allow us the ability to guarantee that students could move to Cambridge without additional disruption to their Auburn experience. We did not come to this decision lightly and remain committed to assisting you in securing alternate housing as quickly as possible.

NEXT STEPS

We know this is incredibly disappointing and comes at a less-than-ideal time. Please know that Auburn is committed to doing everything possible to help alleviate the inconvenience and stress we know this situation is causing. The following steps and resources are available immediately:

- **You will continue to have university-provided hotel accommodations through Wednesday, Aug. 30.** It is imperative that you secure alternate housing arrangements before Aug. 30.
- **If you are using or plan to use university-provided storage for your belongings, it will continue to be available through Friday, Sept. 8,** with scheduled delivery provided to your new residence. After you secure your items at the storage facility, please know that you will not have access to them until your scheduled delivery date. Please do not store any valuable or irreplaceable items.
- **A full reimbursement of your fall 2023 Cambridge Hall rental payment will be processed via eBill.**
- **A \$5,000 student emergency transition payment will be processed via eBill to assist with costs associated with your transition to off-campus housing.** Please note, these funds may be taxable.

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- **You will receive an upgraded meal plan from the university.** Your meal plan will be upgraded to include 10 meal swipes per week and \$500 in declining balance at no additional cost. Unused dining dollars will carry over to the 2024 spring semester.
 - **University Housing is working with local property managers to (1) identify vacancies and (2) provide students and families with access to continually updated information posted online.** Local rental companies are aware of the situation and working with the university to help with available off-campus residences. University Housing will host a virtual property fair to connect you directly with off-campus leasing agents whose properties have vacancies. Additional information will be posted at aub.ie/cambridgeupdates.

We will continue to provide updates as needed. Answers to frequently asked questions can be found online at aub.ie/cambridgeupdates. If you have additional questions, please email cambridge@auburn.edu or call 334-844-2449.

We know this is disappointing and frustrating. We appreciate your patience and understanding over the past several days. Although it is causing significant disruption to you now, please know that the decision to close Cambridge was made to reduce further disruption during the fall semester. We appreciate your flexibility and will continue to work diligently to help you navigate the coming days. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

S. Bryan Rush, Ph.D.
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