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# CWRU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HOUSING GUIDE 2021 —

HOUSING DATA NEIGHBORHOODS EXPLAINED APARTMENT RATINGS TOP PROPERTIES LANDLORD INFO RENTER RESOURCES



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**Start with the Housing Facts section.** This section should help you determine the type of apartment you'd like to live in and how much you should expect to pay in rent.



**Read about different neighborhoods** and narrow down your search to parts of the city that you like most.



**Use the Apartment Ratings section** to identify the best apartment buildings across the categories (e.g. best amenities, highest rated) that matter most to you.



Visit VeryApt.com to read reviews, get pricing, and set up appointments for the apartments you like most.

## **ABOUT THE DATA IN THIS GUIDE**

All of the data in this guide are based on feedback from real renters in Cleveland. We asked students to rate their apartments on a scale of 1-10 across six categories:



Overall



Value



Management



Amenities



Location



Safety

Based on their feedback, we compiled a list of the best apartment buildings for CWRU Med Graduate students. If you are interested in additional data that is not in the guide or have a housing question, you can reach us at contact@veryapt.com.

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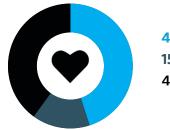


# Where CWRU Med Graduate students live



35% Coventry
25% University Circle
20% Little Italy
15% Cedar-Fairmount
5% Other

# Who CWRU Med Graduate students live with



45% Alone
15% Spouse/partner
40% Roommate (excluding spouse/ partner)

20% of CWRU Med Graduate students live with pets

### What type of properties CWRU Med Graduate students live in

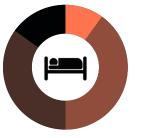


**35%** Large property (50+ units)

**25%** Mid-size property (20-49 units)

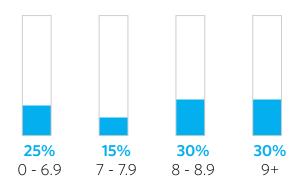
**40%** Small property (2-9 units)

### What size residences CWRU Med Graduate students live in

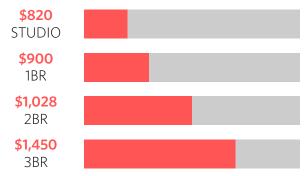


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40%	One bedrooms
35%	Two bedrooms
15%	Three or more bedrooms

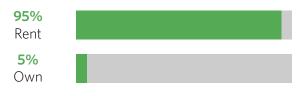
## Distribution of property ratings



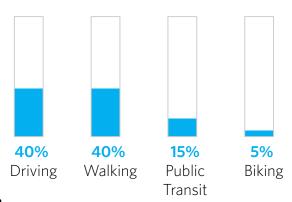
## Average rent by apartment size



### Rent versus own



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- PARKING GARAGE

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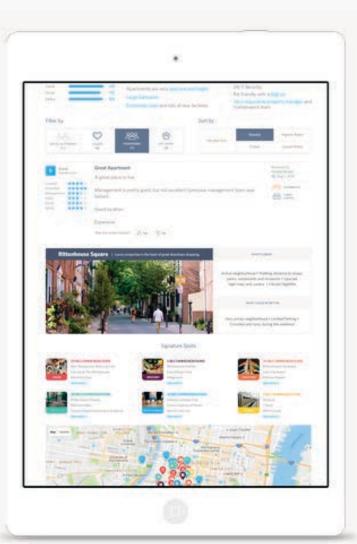


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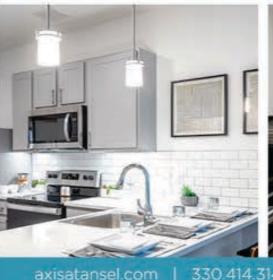
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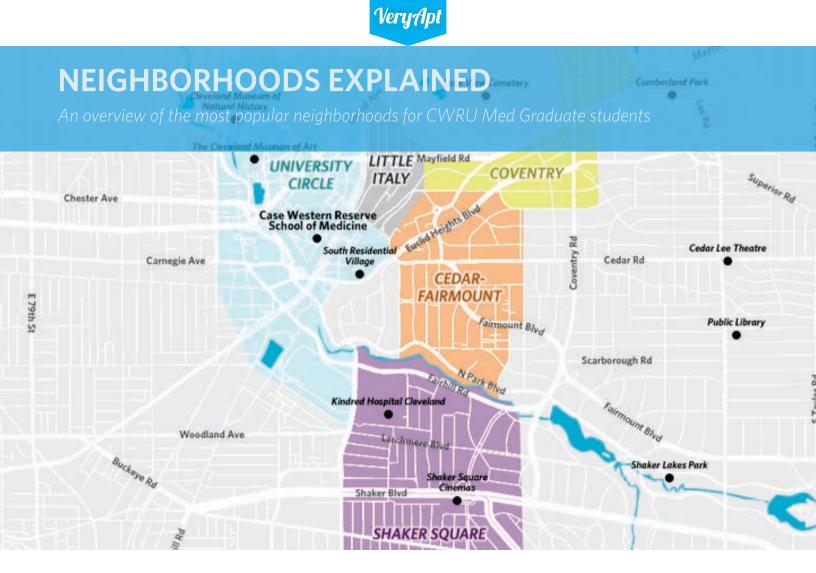
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### 35% of CWRU Med Graduate students

Coventry is the most popular neighborhood for CWRU Med students. The selection of bars, restaurants, and shops keeps this neighborhood exciting.



### Little Italy

20% of CWRU Med Graduate students

Little Italy is a charming neighborhood with brick roads, tall trees, and great Italian restaurants. The commute to campus is very manageable.



### 25% of CWRU Med Graduate students

University Circle is home to Case Western and several other Cleveland landmarks like the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Cleveland Botanical gardens. Class is always an easy walk away.

### **Other Neighborhoods**

5% of students or less



Shaker Square



### 15% of CWRU Med Graduate students

Cedar Fairmount is a quiet residential neighborhood with lots of graduate students and young professionals. There are a few shops and restaurants on Cedar Road.



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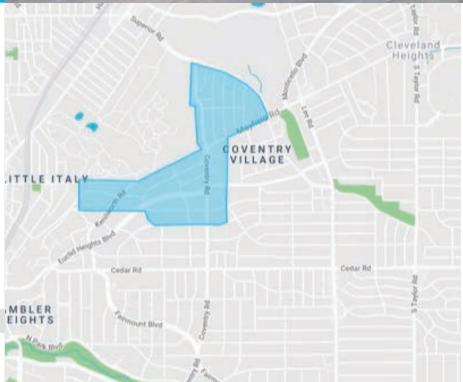
# Coventry

Great bars and restaurants in a trendy neighborhood

### **ABOUT COVENTRY**

Coventry is the most popular neighborhood for CWRU Grad students. Considered one of the trendiest neighborhoods in Cleveland Heights, Coventry is home to a selection of hip coffee shops, restaurants and bars. Students in Coventry generally appreciate living near their classmates, being in walking distance to nightlife, and having easy access to groceries.





### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT COVENTRY

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

The neighborhood of Coventry is quiet and safe, but also offers great restaurants and social venues (including small concert venue), as well as a grocery store. It is a quaint neighborhood that is perfect for students.

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

Coventry is great for someone to get a residential feel, while still being in walking distance/a short drive from good food places and some bars/nightlife (on Coventry road). It's close to campus, including having shuttles to campus as well as SafeRide.

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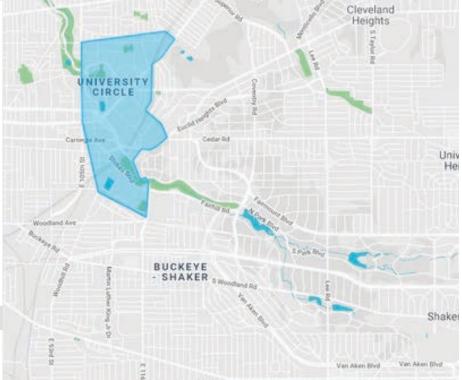
# **University Circle**

Walk to class and live in Cleveland's cultural hub

### ABOUT UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

University Circle is in many ways a cornerstone of Cleveland culture. It boasts beautiful landscapes and several landmarks like the Cleveland Museum of Art, Severance Hall, the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, and the Natural History Museum. University Circle's selection of convenient restaurants and fun bars also make it a great place to hang out after class.





### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

The University Circle area is wonderful! You are a quick walk toUniversity Circle has a ton of restaurants within walking distance which is nice. You will hear a lot of ambulances being so close to UH Main Campus, but I rotate at the hospital so you can't beat the location. There is often free street parking as well. I really enjoy living in University Circle and having the perks of CRWU close by.

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

It's a wonderful neighborhood - walking distance to all the museums, botanical gardens, and some of the best restaurants in Cleveland. Also walking distance to a couple coffee shops and the CWRU library and student center, so ideal for studying. The best part: < 5 min commute to school and you get to avoid Cedar coming down the hill.



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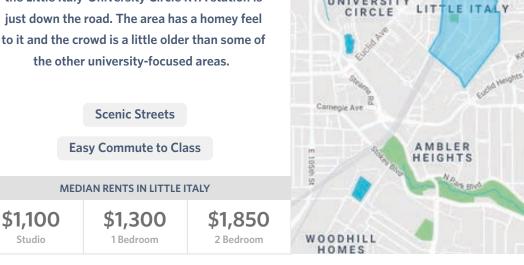
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# **Little Italy**

Live close to campus in a historic neighborhood

### **ABOUT LITTLE ITALY**

Little Italy is a picturesque neighborhood with brick roads, tall trees, and charming Italian shops and restaurants. Most people tend to live in town homes in this area. The walk from Little Italy to campus is very manageable, and the Little Italy-University Circle RTA station is just down the road. The area has a homey feel to it and the crowd is a little older than some of the other university-focused areas.



### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT LITTLE ITALY

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

While the outskirts of Little Italy leave a little bit to be desired and parking can occasionally be hard to find, the food and vibe are pretty great (and it's really close to CWRU). There is a park for dogs and kids and there is a ton of amazing pizza and Italian food. The culture here is strong. There is a bar called Leo's on Murray Hill Road. And the Murray Hill Market has (in my opinion) the world's best meatball sandwich. Highly recommend.

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

Very safe! There is a park across the street, and it is lively with many people coming to enjoy the restaurants. Music plays on the street from different restaurants. Police arrive quickly if needed and campus police is close by. The only issue is that it is a little bit of a walk to the nearest grocery store. There is one right next door, but items are unusually expensive.

Cedar Rd

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# **KEY FEATURES:**

**Community:** 

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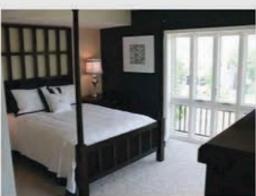


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# **KEY FEATURES:**

- Community:
- 24-hr. Concierge/Security
- Fitness Center
- Garage
- Historic Building
- Landscaped Courtyard
- On-site Maintenance
- On-Site Management
- Pet Friendly
- Recreation Room

### Apartment:

- Abundant Natural Lighting
- Air Conditioner
- Dishwasher
- High Ceilings
- Large Closets
- Washer/Dryer

# Cedar Fairmount

Residential area southeast of campus

### ABOUT CEDAR FAIRMOUNT

Cedar Fairmount is a community made mostly of graduate students and young professionals. Despite its mellow neighborhood feel and limited nightlife options, students praise the area for its quiet atmosphere. Cedar Fairmount is within biking distance to campus, and close to an RTA stop and a CWRU Shuttle stop.

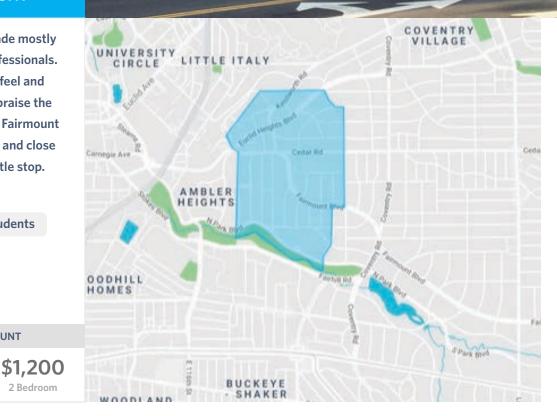
MEDIAN RENTS IN CEDAR FAIRMOUNT

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2 Bedroom

Lots of Students Easy Commute



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### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT CEDAR FAIRMOUNT

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

Multiple choices for eating out (or getting take out), convenient grocery store, bank options, and gas station. Firestone is right there if you have car troubles and the Cleveland Heights fire station is blocks away. Can't beat the location, with how many great places are nearby. The new top of the hill project is being built, which will bring more options to the neighborhood. Highly recommend living here.

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### **Review by CWRU Med Graduate student**

Cedar-Fairmount is positioned well between 2 to 3 different buses that run directly to Case's medical school campus (plus points in between). 15 min walk to the red line train station. Only a few bars and restaurants nearby, but they are pretty good (Barrio, Vero, the Fairmount, nice local pub, Starbucks, Aladdin's, Bruegger's). Best thing is being a 5 min walk from Dave's supermarket.



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# APARTMENT RATINGS

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## **ABOUT OUR CATEGORIES**

### **Property Type**

Apartment (Apt)	Properties with one building manager. Often have consistent pricing/features.
Condo	Properties with multiple owners. Lease terms and features can vary significantly by unit.

### **Key Building Factor Ratings**

Overall Rating	Overall feedback on building quality.
Popularity	Estimated # of students in the building.

### **Living Situation Ratings**

Families	How students with partners and/or children rated the building.
Pet Owners	How students with pets rated the building.

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### **Building Quality Ratings**

Management	Maintenance and service quality.
Amenities	In-room and building features beyond the basics.
Value	Building quality given cost of rent.
Social	Building community and social scene.
Safety	Building neighborhood safety.

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# MOST POPULAR

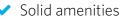
Buildings with the most CWRU Med Graduate students

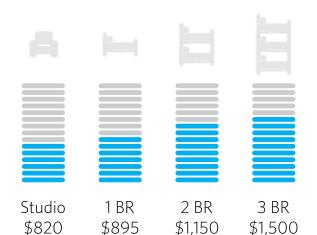
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What students typically look for:



- Excellent location
  - Reasonably-priced apartments





## TOP 5





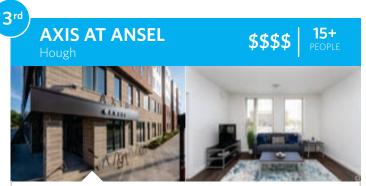
### Review by Case Western Reserve University Med Student

"This apartment has everything I need. It's a rennovated building, the location is great, and the management is fantastic to work with. Although it is a little pricy, it is absolutely worth the price! (And all utilities, cable, internet, gym, and washing/drying of clothes is included)."



Review by Case Western Reserve University Med Student

"Kensington has very spacious floorplans with newly renovated kitchens and hardwood floors (carpeted units also available). Loved the walk-in closet, balcony, and pantry. Garage parking \$60, plenty of free surface parking. Across the street from Dave's market, Home Depot, Marshall's and Office Max. Post office, spectrum (wifi) and burger king around the circle. 10 min drive to campus, so if you're bringing a car, it's a great option!"



### Review by CWRU Medical Student

"Staff is very welcoming, mostly Case graduate students live here. Facility was brand new when I moved in, so everything is new. The space is nice, nice kitchen appliances, with spacious rooms and bathrooms. The gym is a perfect size with the necessities. There is a mail room and coffee in the lobby. Highly recommend." VeryApt

# HIGHEST RATED

Buildings with the best overall ratings

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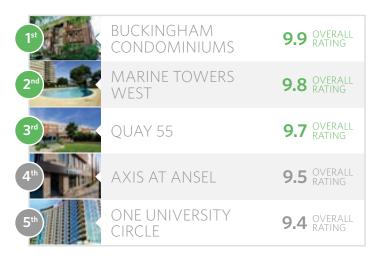
What the highest-rated properties typically offer:



- High-end amenities
- Close proximity to work/ school
- ✓ Nearby stores/grocery
- Excellent management



## TOP 5





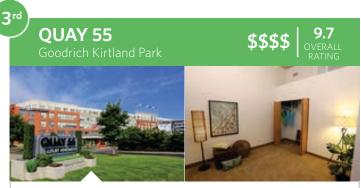
### Review by CWRU Medical Student

"I really like the location of the apartment. Everyone I've met is really nice, and the building manager is very helpful. The building is generally very quiet, which is nice."



### Review by CWRU Medical Student

"If you don't mind living 20-25 minutes from campus, Lakewood is a great area and the building I'm in is wonderful. No problems in maintenance and management is great. They accommodated us before moving to Cleveland and without actually seeing the apartment due to covid... very responsive, sent pictures and everything. We're close to so many restaurants and parks with beautiful views on the lake."



**Review by** *CWRU Medical Student* "Nice management, very clean. Affordable for students"

# BEST FOR AMENITIES

Highest-rated properties for amenities

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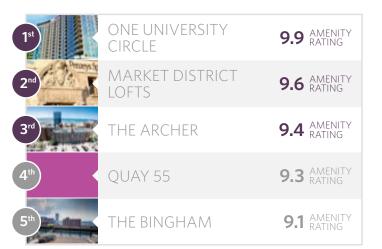
What top amenity properties typically offer:



- ✓ Great common spaces
- Convenient location
- Excellent management
- Newer construction



## TOP 5



9.9 University Circle, 10730 Euclid Ave 9.9 MENITY RATING

### Review by CWRU Medical Student

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"I have been living at OUC for about a year. My experience has been extremely positive. The staff are always very friendly and my apartment itself is very spacious and clean."



### Review by CWRU Medical Student

"This has been my favorite apartment I have ever lived in out of the past 5. I directly overlook the West Side Market and many of the W 25th street breweries. Since the apartments are new (opened in 2019) all of the appliances, floors, and counters are brand new. I have an in unit washer/dryer and central heating/ air. I truly love it!"



### Review by CWRU Medical Student

"The Archer is located in the Warehouse District of Downton Cleveland and features spacious apartments with an industrial feel. The building has many convenient amenities including a pet spa, dog run, roof top, two level gym, and business center with a printer. The gym is also connected to a studio where you can take fitness classes on demand. The staff even deliver your packages straight to your apartment. Easy access to the Flats with options for coffee and food. There is even a coffee shop on the first floor of the building!" Ve<mark>ry</mark>Apt

# BEST FOR VALUE

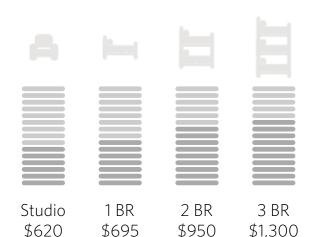
Highest-rated properties for value

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What top value properties typically offer:



- Great price-to-space trade off
- ✓ Good location
- Solid amenities and basic features



## TOP 5



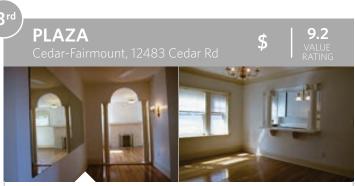


### Review by CWRU Medical Student

"I love my apartment, I have lived here for 4 years. It is very spacious and an amazing deal for the price. I live with one roommate, we each have our own bedroom/bathroom and parking spot and I pay \$635 per month. Montlack management is excellent they always respond to emails regarding things in the apartment that need to be fixed within 1-2 days."



**Review by** CWRU Medical Student "I liked living in this place. The place was quite and safe"



Review by CWRU Medical Student

"My wife and I have lived here for all years of medical school. Great location close to Cedar/Fairmount and in walking distance to Coventry and Little Italy. Excellent management and very responsive. 2 RTA bus lines located just outside apartment and the other 2 blocks away that take you to the Health Education Campus. Parking is not included (most apartments in Cle Heights), but there are a couple spots directly behind the apartment you can pay for, and two city lots just down the street. Washer and Dryer included."

# Townhomes

Smaller properties and how to find them

### **ABOUT TOWNHOMES**

Townhomes are apartments in older buildings, typically a few stories tall. They usually do not have a doorman, an elevator, or many amenities, but can be cheaper and more spacious than the apartment and condo units in high-rises.

### WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A TOWNHOME

CHEAPER	LARGER F	LOOR PLANS	
3+ BEDROOMS AVA	AILABLE	MORE PRIVAC	CY
WHY YOU MAY WA	ANT TO AVC		IOME
NO DOORMAN	LESS CONV	ENIENT LOCATI	ons
OLDER CONSTRUCT	ION LI	IMITED AMENIT	IES

MORE MAINTENANCE ISSUES

### Finding a townhome

Townhomes can be challenging to find because they tend to be individually owned and do not have full time leasing managers. Townhome listings are typically available ~60 days in advance. You can find a townhome by searching online listings, contacting a landlord directly, or by working with VeryApt's Concierge Team who can help identify some options.

### Preparing for a townhome search

Most CWRU Med Graduate students opt for larger properties in order to live closer to other students and simplify the housing search. That said, there are plenty of wonderful townhomes - be prepared to visit more properties to find that perfect home, carefully examine the pros/cons, and move quickly if you find a unit you love.



### **Reliable Landlords**

Check online reviews and talk to previous tenants to find out about your landlord. Look for one that responds quickly to maintenance requests and has a history of returning deposits.

### **TIPS AND ADVICE**



### **Noise and Neighbors**

Sounds often travel well through townhomes and you can easily be disturbed by barking dogs, music, or construction. Check out the surrounding area to get a sense for what it may be like.

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### Lease Terms

Leases with independent landlords are negotiable. Check your lease for restrictions on sub-letters and visitor policies. You may be able to avoid a rent increase by locking in a longer lease. LANDLORD GRADES and the Renting Process

GRADE	LANDLORD
В	Capital Properties Management
<b>A-</b>	Cleveland Heights Apartments
В	Coven Goldman
<b>C</b> +	Goldberg Companies
B-	Integrity Realty Group
B+	K&D Real Estate Services
<b>A+</b>	Montlack Management
<b>C</b> +	Montlack Realty
<b>A+</b>	Morgan Communities
A	Property Investment Company
<b>A+</b>	The Finch Group
<b>A+</b>	Tower Press Development
A	WXZ Development

### **Landlord Grades**

Grades were assigned to landlords by using a combination of management ratings and overall ratings for the properties they manage.

### Understanding THE RENTING PROCESS

If this is your first time renting, here is a heads up on what the process is like:

### **Application process**

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You will be asked to **fill out an application** for an apartment. Likely this will include an **application fee (\$30-50)** and potentially a deposit (up to one month's rent). If you're an international student, you **may have to provide alternate information** - in the absence of a social security number, bank accounts, etc., often landlords will accept your visa documents and acceptance letter. Landlords will use your information to approve you based only on your credit history and income. In the event where there are issues, a landlord may grant the application on the condition that a guarantor cosigns the lease.

### After you're approved

A landlord will often ask for a **security deposit** and **prepaid rent**. A landlord typically charges up to two months' rent as a security deposit and will ask for up to two months in prepaid rent. Anything beyond this is more than normal. At the end of your lease and after you **give proper notification that you are moving out** (typically 60-90 days), the **landlord has 30 days to return the security deposit at the end of the lease**. The landlord may not return the deposit in full if there are claimed damages to the property or other charges outstanding.

### What to look out for

Check for additional charges or obligations that could cost you more than the listed price of a property. This could include move-in/move-out fees, renters insurance requirements, condo fees, common electrical fees, etc. Definitely ask about what previous electrical/utility bills have been to get a feel for any additional monthly costs there may be. Be sure to research the landlord and management company before placing any sort of deposit. If you have any specific questions, feel free to reach out to us at contact@veryapt.com.

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