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To keep noise levels to a minimum, use area rugs if you have downstairs neighbors and keep windows closed when entertaining. Be aware that language acceptable among students may be offensive to others. Be mindful of the capacity of your apartment. Loud music and late night noise is prohibited in residential areas from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on weekends. Let your neighbors know when you’ll be entertaining. Give them a way to reach you if they need to let you know that the party is disruptive. If a party gets out of hand, call Tufts Police for help.

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Think twice before ignoring the rules. A documented violation to the Dean of Students will result in a $300 fine for the first offense and may result in disciplinary action. Subsequent offenses will result in a doubling of the fine as well as further disciplinary action. Local police may impose additional sanctions and/or fines, including arrest.

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A snow emergency may be declared by either city. Talk with your landlord about who is responsible for snow removal. Both cities issue fines when sidewalks are not cleared after a storm.

Medford: www.medfordma.org/category/weather-alters/

Somerville: www.somervillema.gov/snow

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[www.medford.org](http://www.medford.org)
- Medford City Hall / 781.398.4500
- Medford Police (non-emergency) / 781.398.6404
- [Medford Transcript](#) / wickedlocal.com/medford

### CITY OF SOMERVILLE

[www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov)
- Somerville City Hall / 617.666.3311
- Somerville Police (non-emergency) / 617.628.1600

### MBTA (BUS/SUBWAY)

[www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)