

EVGR Ventilation Fact Sheet

ABOUT

The new Escondido Village Graduate Residences complex has a robust ventilation system for the apartments and building common areas. This ventilation system provides building code-required air balancing for high-rise construction and enhanced air quality for the spaces within. Each apartment has an air supply vent in the bedroom and living areas, and air exhaust vents in the kitchen and bathrooms. These vents provide non-stop air circulation powered by industrial fans located on the roofs of each building.

The fresh air supply brought into the residence is filtered twice and tempered to prevent outdoor air that is either too cold or very hot from entering the building. This ventilation system is not traditional air conditioning and does not provide climate control within the apartments and common areas.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS MY APARTMENT NOT COOL?

Some apartments may get warm due to increased outside temperatures and direct sunlight exposure. EVGR apartments do not have air conditioning.

WHAT CAN I DO TO BE COMFORTABLE IN MY BEDROOM?

We recommend closing windows and window shades during warm days to eliminate sunlight and warm air from entering the building. At night, we suggest opening windows during typical Bay Area conditions.

CAN I OBTAIN MY OWN PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONER?

In alignment with the University's sustainability goals, and due to the generally mild Bay Area climate, air conditioners are prohibited in R&DE Student Housing. You can find information regarding the University's sustainability mission at sustainable.stanford.edu/about.

Please contact the Office of Accessibility (OAE) if a special need may exist that supports an accommodation at oae.stanford.edu.

WHY CAN'T I HEAR MY BATHROOM FAN?

The exhaust for your bathroom in EVGR apartments is silent by design. A large industrial fan is located on the roof of the building pulling air from your apartment non-stop.

CAN I TURN OFF THE AIR SUPPLY OR ADJUST AIR FLOW VENTS IN MY BEDROOM?

Due to the code requirements for life safety systems in EVGR, the airflow and vents should not be adjusted, as doing so may adversely impact the intended air balancing for the ventilation system.

HOW DO I REMOVE ODORS IN MY APARTMENT?

Your kitchen has a powerful exhaust vent (same as bathroom vent). When your apartment windows are closed, the apartment air will be exhausted through your kitchen vent between 20 to 60 minutes, depending on the size of your apartment unit. If outside air quality and air temperature allow, opening your window may expedite the exhausting of the air but will actively pull outside air into the apartment. Do not open the corridor door to the apartment to dissipate burnt food smoke, as this will likely trigger the sensors in the corridor for the floor-wide fire alarm system. Allow the apartment-provided exhaust vents in the kitchen to dissipate any smoke in the apartment.

HOW DOES THE EXHAUST OVER THE STOVE WORK?

This device provides a filtered recirculating fan designed to remove odors from the air. This fan does not vent out of the apartment.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF MY VENTILATION IS NOT WORKING (NO AIR SUPPLY, NO EXHAUST, AIR SUPPLY BLOWING HOT AIR)?

If you believe you are experiencing no air supply, no exhaust or unusually hot or cold air in your ventilation, please submit a maintenance request at fixit.stanford.edu, or call (650) 725-1602 if urgent maintenance is needed.