

What is Collective Billing?

In the case of the collective billing charges, they are assessed by the Residential Facilities Coordinator (student leader) and Residence Hall Director (professional) based upon Department of Facilities and Risk Management billing. Our mission statement underscores "*Freedom with Accountability*" in the residence halls and as outlined in the *Housing Contract*, the Department of Residence Life is given the authority to assess responsibility for collective billing. These charges can include vandalism and/or extra cleaning charges (ex: broken lounge chair, remnants of a shaving cream fight, garbage bags left in the hallway). The RFC and RHD can either assign responsibility to an individual or community.

Why does Residence Life bill residents?

Collective billing underscores the importance of *Freedom with Accountability* and supports the College's effort to curb damages in the halls. Peer enforcement has been found to be the most effective way to cut down on damage costs. In addition to the educational benefit of giving residents an opportunity to address their own concerns as a community, collective billing remains at a manageable level.

What about the Housing Deposit?

Regarding the \$200.00 Housing Deposit, residents are refunded this deposit when they leave housing (and are not contracted for future housing) minus outstanding balance with the College.