U of U at Block 44 Delayed Opening FAQs

Delayed Opening

What does a delayed opening mean?
U of U at Block 44 is a brand new building in downtown Salt Lake City. In order to ensure the building is safe, comfortable, and ready for residents, the move in date for students living in U of U at Block 44 has been pushed back to August 30.

What are my options with this delayed opening?
We understand that a delayed opening is frustrating. Students with reservations in U of U at Block 44 have the following options:

1. Delay your move in date: If you are able to delay your move in (i.e. remain living at home, stay with family/friends in the area, etc.), we recommend doing so. Your housing bill will be adjusted and pro-rated based on a later move in date. You will be able to move into your apartment in U of U at Block 44 starting on August 30.
2. Stay in temporary hotel housing: If you are unable to delay your move in, students can stay in temporary housing in the University Guest House and/or the Marriott University Park Hotel located near housing at a discounted rate. More details related to temporary housing are listed below. Some students may also be placed in a temporary residence hall space.
3. Cancel your housing contract: If you no longer wish to live at U of U at Block 44 or other university housing, you may cancel your housing contract without penalty.

Will my apartment and roommates be the same after the delayed opening?
We intend to move students into the newly constructed building as quickly and safely as possible. Your room type and roommates/apartment mates will remain the same. However, your room number may change. You can view these potential changes in your Housing U account. If you have questions about a room number change, please contact our office.

What do I need to do?
Please complete the web form on our website no later than Friday, July 20th, to tell us which option you plan to pursue. If you would like to participate in temporary hotel housing, completing the form is how you can tell us what your arrival date will be.

The web form can be found here: https://housing.utah.edu/block44/

How will the new August 30 move in date work?
We will be contacting you directly regarding move in day logistics. You may also continue to check the U of U at Block 44 Updates page of our website.
Temporary Housing

Budget & Finance

*How much will I be charged to stay in temporary housing?*
Students will be charged a discounted rate of $22 per day to stay in temporary housing. This rate has been reduced from the rent amount you will pay at U of U at Block 44. The total cost for the delayed opening period will be $331. This rate is $90 less than the double room rate in U of U at Block 44.

*How will I cook/eat while staying in the hotel temporary housing options?*
The University Guest House offers a continental breakfast in the lobby. Students living in temporary housing will be given meal plans during their stay at no additional cost. These meal plans will allow you to eat at the Peterson Heritage Dining room, or you can transfer these meals to Chartwells dining locations on lower campus.

Accommodations & Logistics

*I currently live on campus this summer and planned to participate in August Stayover. How will this impact me?*
August Stayover for U of U at Block 44 residents will take place in the University Guest House and Marriott University Park hotel. Please indicate that you are participating in stayover on the web form. Stayover storage will take place in the Peterson Heritage Center.

*What will the temporary housing room accommodations look like?*
All temporary hotel housing will be a double occupancy room. Rooms will include two beds and a bathroom for students to share.

*Who will my roommate be?*
If you are staying at the University Guest House or University Marriott, you will be paired with another student opting to stay in temporary hotel housing. Roommates may be paired based on similar arrival times. You will be able to request a roommate in the U of U at Block 44 web form, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Some students may be staying in residence hall spaces in Heritage Commons with fellow HRE residents.

*What if all my belongings don’t fit in the temporary housing room I stay in? How should I plan to pack?*
We encourage you to pack only two suit cases that you can live out of for two weeks including all personal items you will need up until the August 30th Move In Date to U of U at Block 44. This would include items such as clothing, toiletries, school supplies, etc. Additional items, such as room décor, kitchen supplies, furniture, any larger items, winter clothing, etc., are items that we encourage you to wait to purchase (until you move into Block 44 on August 30th), and/or store in temporary storage with HRE. Temporary storage with HRE will work like this: You will be given up to three red carts, measuring 2’ x 3’ and 3’ deep to store your belongings. Your belongings will be secured in a safe location, but it may or may not be climate controlled (please pack accordingly). Items you put in temporary storage should be items that you should not readily need to access while staying in temporary housing. More details on storage options will be sent directly to you based on the location you will temporarily be staying in and also posted online.
How will I move my belongings between temporary hotel housing locations and to U of U at Block 44?
We will provide moving services for students moving between the Marriott University Park hotel and the University Guest House. Moving services will also be provided on August 30 to U of U at Block 44. We will contact you directly about these moving services and will continue to post updates online.

Temporary Hotel or Residence Hall Housing Experience
What will my experience be like while living in temporary housing?
Our staff will work diligently to ensure you have a great residential experience while living in temporary housing. There will be staff living full time in the temporary housing areas with you who can help with any of your questions or concerns. Staff will continue to provide programming opportunities and events for students in temporary housing. Students in temporary housing are highly encouraged to continue participating in all Move In Weekend and Welcome Week activities. Click here for a list of those events!

What do I do on my arrival date? How do I know where to go, and where will I check in?
Logistics of your move in to temporary housing will depend on your arrival date. We will contact you directly with specific information. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any additional questions.

How will I do laundry?
Residents staying in any type of temporary housing will be given temporary card access to either Gateway Heights 806 or 807 until August 30th so that accessible and free laundry is available to you at all times. You will be given a laundry bag to help transport your clothes, and are encouraged to utilize the time you may be visiting the PHC for a meal, to also do any laundry. If you happen to already be temporarily staying in a building located in Heritage Commons, you can use the laundry rooms in that building. You can check which machines are available in 806, 807, and any other HRE facility here. If you are staying at the University Guest House, you are also welcome to use coin operated machines on-site. Washing machines can be used for $1.50 and Dryers can be used for $1.00. Unfortunately there is no on-site laundry at the University Marriott.

I have an Emotional Support Animal. Can I bring my ESA to temporary hotel or residence hall housing?
Yes, any registered emotional support animal will be welcome in both temporary hotel housing as well as residence hall locations.

How will I commute to campus and/or the Salt Lake area from these temporary housing locations?
The Marriott University Park hotel, University Guest House, and Residence Hall spaces in Heritage Commons are accessible via campus shuttle. Click here to view University of Utah shuttle routes.

Where will I park my car?
Students staying in the University Guest House temporary hotel housing or a temporary Residence Hall location will be able to park their vehicles close by in Zone 1 Housing lots including: the lots at Chapel Glen, Stillwell Field, Officer’s Circle, or the Post Theater. Students will need to have a University of Utah parking pass to park in these lots. Students may opt to purchase a semester/academic year
parking pass or a temporary parking pass from Commuter Services online in order to be eligible to park in these lots.

Students staying in the University Marriott Park Hotel temporary hotel housing location will be able to park their vehicles on site, at no additional charge.