

## **UPDATED SATELLITE POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT:**

There are many options available to students in our housing regarding the source through which they receive their television signal. One of these ways is by use of satellite service through providers such as DirecTV or DISH Network.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) does have provisions that allow residents the choice of satellite service, but they also publish specific guidelines on limitations as to installation methods and locations of satellite dishes. In compliance with FCC regulations, Southeastern Seminary does allow satellite dishes when installed in specific compliance with these FCC guidelines.

Whereas the FCC gives rights to residents of apartment complexes to have access to satellite service, they do not grant that right to all residents. The FCC notes that some apartments are not positioned to receive a satellite signal, and in those situations where the FCC guidelines for installation locations cannot be followed access to satellite service is not guaranteed from a consumer rights perspective. Southeastern Seminary does not allow satellite dishes when their installation would fall outside the specific FCC guidelines.

We have put together our Satellite Dish Guidelines based on the FCC guidelines. Please review these guidelines if you are considering purchasing a satellite dish.

Also, let me encourage you to check with the Director of Housing before purchasing a satellite dish, having the dish installed and entering into a year or more programming commitment. I can assist you in knowing whether your apartment can receive satellite signal in compliance with FCC guidelines. Please note that if your installation falls outside of the FCC guidelines, you will be required to bring your installation in compliance or remove your dish.

### **Satellite Dish Guidelines**

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**FCC regulations allow occupants of campus housing to have satellite dishes if they meet certain specific guidelines. These guidelines are found in detail at [www.fcc.gov/mb/facts/otard.html](http://www.fcc.gov/mb/facts/otard.html).**

These are the conditions for having a satellite dish at your apartment:

- The dish is no more than a meter in diameter.
- The dish is kept entirely within the perimeter of the occupant's exclusive space (that means either inside the apartment or on the occupant's porch, patio, or deck **(no sidewalks, walkways or in ground installations) (no overhangs of any type allowed)**).
- All dishes should be installed in a place and in such a way that there will not be a danger to any occupant.
- Seminary regulations stipulate that nothing **(including cables)** is to be attached to the outside of buildings including porches, patios, and decks. (One suggestion for mounting a dish is to mount the dish on a pole seated in a bucket filled with cement to place on your porch, patio, or deck.)
- **No drilling through an exterior wall door or window is permitted. A “flat” cable under a door jam or window sill in a manner that does not physically alter your apartment or does not interfere with the proper operation of the door or window.**

**NOTE: Not all apartments are positioned where their “exclusive” space can receive a satellite signal. In such cases, satellite dishes are not permitted. When in doubt, check with the Housing Office to confirm that your installation complies with the above conditions.**

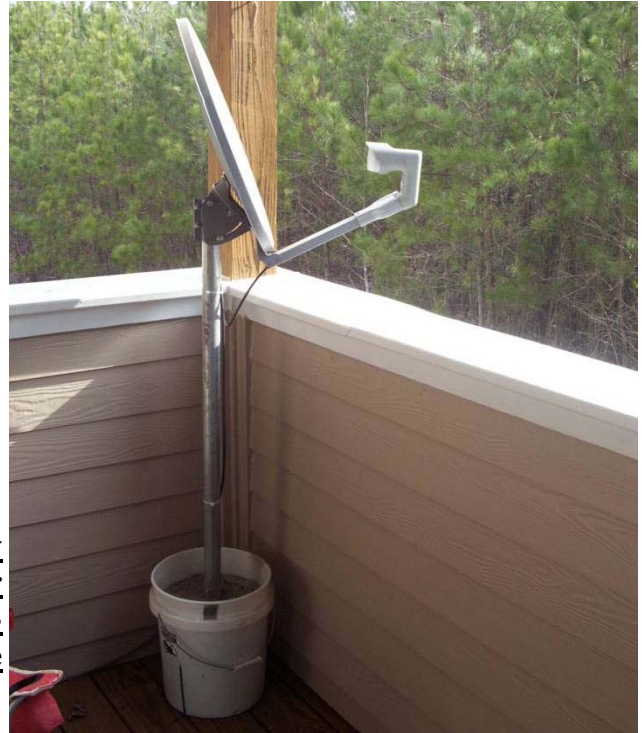
Any violations of these guidelines will result in the required removal of the dish.

Any questions about these guidelines should be directed to the Director of Housing.

## Proper Installation of Satellite Dishes

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## Flat Coaxial Cable Coupler

This flat coax lead is perfect for running a coax cable in through a window or door without drilling holes through a wall. Can be easily bent to put under a window sill or door jam. Comes with female "F" connectors on each end and a self-adhesive strip for securing it in place. Dimensions: 8" L x 5/8" W. Costs less than \$ 10.00

