

Department of Food Science Policy on Internet Use

Use of the Internet in the Rutgers University Department of Food Science is a privilege. The expectation is that all students, faculty and staff will adhere to Rutgers University and departmental policy at all times while using the Internet at 63 and 65 Dudley Road.

Two issues have recently come to our attention that we would like to highlight for your information:

Internet Protocol Address

Internet protocol (IP) addresses for computers connected to the Local Area Network (LAN) and for laboratory wireless routers MUST be obtained from Yakov Uchitel (uchitel@AESOP.Rutgers.edu). This includes personal laptop computers directly connected to the LAN. Individuals are not allowed to “guess” or pick likely IP address when connecting a new device to the LAN. Individuals violating this policy may be barred from Internet access at the discretion of the Department Chair or other authorities within Rutgers University.

Illegal downloading.

Movies, TV shows, software and other content available on the Internet are protected by copyright. The unauthorized downloading or uploading of movies, TV shows and pirated software is actionable as copyright infringement, even if not done for profit.

Illegal copying and distribution of copyrighted movies, TV shows and pirated software are serious offences that carry the risk of substantial monetary damages and, in some cases, criminal prosecution.

Copyright infringement also violates Rutgers University policies governing acceptable use of campus network resources and could lead to serious disciplinary action. In short, Rutgers University wired or wireless network must not be used for downloading movies, TV shows or pirated software.

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Furthermore, as per Rutgers University policy "Any member of our community found using information resources for unethical and unacceptable practices has violated this policy and is subject to disciplinary proceedings including suspension of system privileges, expulsion from school, termination of employment and/or legal action as may be appropriate".

For more general information on copyright, go here:

<http://respectcopyrights.org/faqs.html>

For more on Rutgers University acceptable use, go here:

<http://oit.rutgers.edu/acceptable-use.html>