

Housemate Agreement

This agreement is made by and among the housemates:

_____, _____,
_____, and _____,

who have signed a lease with landlord for a shared dwelling unit at this location:

_____.

Execution of this housemate agreement does not alter the joint liability of the tenants under the rental contract with the landlord. However, it may be used if a dispute among housemates arises.

Utilities (skip or delete if not relevant)

Ideally utilities are included in the rent, but if not, housemates should review bills and payments monthly, based on a set schedule, ensuring no one person is stuck with the bill.

Housemates are responsible for following utilities (check all that apply)

Electric Natural Gas Oil Other (i.e., Water, Wi-fi)

List utilities and how each utility will be divided evenly:

Utility	Provider	Account #	Name

Housemates will divide each utility bill evenly as follows:

Guests

Each housemate is responsible for the behavior of his or her guests. Guests shall not unreasonably disturb other housemates. Does anyone have a friend or partner that will be around often?

Define who is a guest for your household:

_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____.

What spaces are off limits?

_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____.

When/how should you notify the other housemates if someone is coming over? All guest-related policies that housemates have agreed upon are stated below:

Quiet Hours

Housemates agree when to observe quiet hours for sleep, study, and other purposes on the days and times listed here. Be mindful of each other's needs and responsibilities.

Weekdays

From _____ to _____

From _____ to _____

Weekends

From _____ to _____

From _____ to _____

Additional Notes:

Food/Groceries

Food will be purchased by each individual housemate. If a housemate did not purchase it, they will not eat it or offer it to a guest without permission, except for community items. Food is labeled and each owner eats only their own food.

Identify food allergies housemates may have and what is needed for health and safety.

Community items will be purchased so that all housemates can use them, and cost shared equally.

Community Food Items:

Household Cleaning Supplies:

Additional Notes:

Kitchen Tips: Have a household discussion regarding types of foods to be cooked to understand and respect cultural differences. Note that food smells and/or products can be a challenge for others in the house. Discuss how to respect each person's preferences. Specify kitchen agreements:

General Courtesies

A housemate's room is their private domain. The room's occupant has complete control over what goes on in the room unless they are doing something that could potentially harm or endanger another.

If any housemate moves out of the unit for any reason, that housemate is responsible for giving at least 30 days' notice to other housemates if possible and paying their fair share of the rent and utilities until the termination of the lease. Anything that affects all housemates shall be decided upon by all housemates.

Additional Agreements/Deal-breakers

List below additional agreements and deal breakers housemates agree to prioritize:

How do we respond if a housemate breaks the household agreement regarding drug and/or alcohol use?

By signing my name, I understand and agree to all terms in the contract and will abide by these terms.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

This Housemate Agreement is a living document. To discuss updates on this housemate agreement and other household matters, housemate meetings will be held (check one)

bi-weekly

monthly

annually