

# Roommate/Housemate Agreement

Remember: Communication is the most important factor in building a healthy roommate relationship. Rather than making assumptions, filling out this agreement can help avoid or resolve conflicts when they arise.

Name	Room (if applicable)	Move-In Date (if known)	Things to Know	Possible Exposures (work, family, etc.)	Other Considerations (vulnerable population, family, etc.)

<b>Breaking the Ice</b>
Have you ever had roommates or lived in a shared house/apartment before?:
Our hobbies and interests include:
The things we each value include:
Our lifestyle choices include (e.g. vegetarian/vegan, alcohol use, etc.):

<b>Conflict</b>
How will we tell each other if something is bothering us? (e.g. Confront it right away, write a note, etc.)
What causes each person stress, and how do they express stress?

What are each of our pet peeves?
How can we help each other and not add to someone's stress?

**Visitors**

Are daytime guests acceptable?
How many guests at a time are okay? For what purpose? Studying? Socializing?
Are overnight guests acceptable? What expectations do we have of overnight guests? (e.g. length of stay, cleanliness, use of common spaces/items)
How much notice should be provided to the other roommate(s) before an overnight guest visits?

**Security**

When will we lock the house/apartment? (Encourage locking 24/7)
Will anyone besides the renters have a key to the house/apartment?
Will anyone be allowed in our apartment/house when none of the renters are present?

**Cleaning and Care of Rooms**

	Common Spaces (Bathroom, Kitchen, Living, Dining Rooms)	Individual Rooms
How clean do we expect to keep each space?		
How frequently will we empty the trash/recycling? Who will be responsible for this?		
How frequently will we vacuum/sweep? Who will be responsible for this?		

How often will we do the dishes? Who is responsible for what dishes? (I.E. clean ones you use, rotate cleaning all, etc.)		
How often will we clean the bathroom? Who is responsible for this? (Toilet, bathtub, sink, floor)		
What other chores need to occur? Who will be responsible for these? (e.g. snow removal, lawn care, etc.)		

**Sharing Belongings**  
 Make mention of things that each roommate is willing to share, not willing to share, or would prefer others to ask before using.

Roommate name								
Furniture								
TV, Video games, DVD/Streaming device, audio equip, Other (list)								
Streaming Services (list)								
Food								
Dishes, Utensils, Cookware								
Clothing								
Personal care items								
Computer								
Cell phone								

**Bills and Supplies**  
 Note when bills are due, how much they will be (if known), how they will be paid, and who will be responsible for paying

	Due	Amount (if known)	How will it be paid?	Who will be responsible for paying?
Rent				
Electricity				
Water				
Gas				
Cable/Internet				
Apartment Supplies (I.E. toilet paper, dish soap, trash bags)				
Other:				

Noise and Sleeping		
	Common Spaces	Individual Rooms (if shared)
What time does the room need to be quiet on weekdays?		
What time does the room need to be quiet on weekends?		
Can any lights be on when roommate is still sleeping?		
What is okay to do in the morning while roommates are still sleeping?		
What does quiet mean to each of you? (Consider music, tv, computer noise, talking, etc.)		
Most weeknights, each of us expects to go to sleep by this time:		
Most weekdays, each of us expects to wake up at this time:		

Alcohol and Substance Use
NOTE: The legal age to consume alcohol in Michigan is 21. The legal age to use marijuana in Michigan is 21. Any other illegal drugs are not legal at any age. In Kalamazoo, to be cited under the <i>Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998</i> and the <i>Kalamazoo Code of Nuisance Parties</i> anyone engaging in the selling or supplying of alcohol to an underage party or any owner, occupant, tenant, guests, or person having any control of any property who uses the space to host a social gathering that becomes a nuisance party is in violation of both ordinances and can face misdemeanor charges. If you choose to drink, host parties, or use illegal drugs, you inherently put yourself at risk for <u>Student Code of Conduct</u> violations as well as other negative consequences.
What are our expectations of each other related to alcohol?
What are our expectations of each other related to marijuana or other drugs?

Other
List any other discussion points you want to address. These may include pet policies and expectations, how moving out will happen, what will happen if a roommate needs to move out before the lease ends, how you will handle it if the expectations outlined in this agreement are not met, etc.