

Roommate Agreement Form

Some roommate agreements rely only on checklists, which can be helpful for clarity and simplicity, especially for people who prefer short, direct communication. But checkboxes can leave out important details. On the other hand, some forms are packed with legal language or long explanations that are hard to follow.

This sample agreement aims to balance clarity and detail. It uses plain language, along with checkboxes and short written prompts, to help everyone understand what they're agreeing to.

Remember this is just an example. Use it as a starting point, and adjust it to fit your living arrangement, needs, and communication preferences.

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Roommate agreement

This agreement is between:

Roommate 1:

Roommate 2:

Address:

Bedrooms:

Roommates will decide together who uses which bedroom. This can be revisited each year or if there's a change in need or preference.

Roommate 1 will take the following bedroom:

Roommate 2 will take the following bedroom:

Cleaning and shared chores:

Within the first week, roommates will create a simple cleaning plan (e.g., list, calendar, or chart) that feels fair.

Each roommate is responsible for keeping: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Their own room clean
- ☐ Shared kitchen tidy
- ☐ Shared bathroom tidy
- ☐ Shared living room tidy
- ☐ Other:

Common chores include: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Taking out garbage, organic waste, and recycling
- ☐ Doing dishes or running the dishwasher
- ☐ Wiping down kitchen surfaces
- ☐ Wiping down living room spaces
- ☐ Vacuuming or sweeping shared spaces
- ☐ Cleaning the bathroom regularly
- ☐ Other:

If someone can't do a task (due to illness, stress, or other reasons), they will let the others know and work together to adjust the plan.

Roommates share the cost of basic cleaning supplies.

A third-party cleaner can be hired if agreed upon, and the person hiring them covers the fee.

Guests and gatherings:

Guests are welcome with consent from all roommates. If a roommate becomes uncomfortable, permission can be withdrawn.

Individual guests may stay up to number of nights in a row and no more than number of nights per week.

Larger social gatherings should be discussed at least days in advance. All house rules still apply.

Support people (e.g., PSWs, case workers, therapists) may visit with prior notice when they are there to help a roommate.

Roommates agree to talk openly if guest visits start to feel overwhelming or disruptive.

Quiet hours:

Quiet hours support rest and routines.

Weekdays: to

Weekends: to

During this time, in shared areas, the following activities should be avoided: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Loud music
- ☐ TV
- ☐ Vacuuming
- ☐ Group conversations
- ☐ Phone calls
- ☐ Other:

Roommates can adjust quiet hours together if schedules or needs change.

Safety

Doors should stay locked. Windows can be left open when someone is home but should be closed when the home is empty.

Substance use

Roommates: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Do not feel comfortable with others bringing recreational substances into the house.
- ☐ Agree to other roommates storing and using the following substances in the house:
 - ☐ Alcohol
 - ☐ Cannabis
 - ☐ Tobacco
 - ☐ E-cigarettes or vape products

Guests require prior consent each time they wish to bring in recreational substances.

If permitted, the items must be stored safely and out of shared spaces. Substances will only be used in ways that respect others' comfort and safety.

Any concerns about use will be discussed respectfully, and adjustments will be made as needed.

Pets

- ☐ Pets are not allowed
- ☐ Allowed with consent from all roommates and must follow lease terms.

Pet owners take full responsibility and agree to keep pets out of others' private spaces.

Parking

Number of parking spaces assigned in the lease:

The person using it covers any associated costs.

Each roommate is responsible for securing parking for their overnight guests.

Personal and shared property

Roommates agree not to use each other's personal items (e.g., food, hygiene products, electronics) without permission. Items in shared spaces, like furniture and appliances, are for everyone's use.

Exceptions for items in shared spaces:

Exceptions for personal items:

Moving out or ending the agreement

If someone wants to move out, they will inform their roommate first and help find a replacement if needed.

If a roommate is having trouble following this agreement, the first step is to talk about it together. Everyone agrees to approach concerns with curiosity and respect, and to work towards a solution that considers each person's needs.

If something serious happens, or if repeated efforts to sort it out don't lead to a resolution, the issue may be brought to the landlord or another trusted third party to figure out next steps.

Signatures

Witness name: Signature: Date:

Roommate 1 name: Signature: Date:

Roommate 2 name: Signature: Date: