

The Roommate Contract



How to live with your friends *without* ruining your friendship.

You found the perfect apartment, the perfect roommate(s), the perfect couch, and now it's time to move in and live happily ever after. But when it comes to cohabitating with someone else — a friend, a stranger, even a significant other — awkward tension can arise if you don't talk about the big stuff first.

Fill this out with your roommate/roommates, and make sure everyone has one to go along with their copy of the lease.

Total monthly rent: \$_____ **Roommate sending the rent check:** _____ initial

Tenants:

1. _____ paying \$_____/month for rent _____ initial
2. _____ paying \$_____/month for rent _____ initial
3. _____ paying \$_____/month for rent _____ initial



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT ... AND TALK ABOUT:

- ☐ Chores (Who does the cleaning? Who takes out the garbage? Scrubs the bathroom? Mops the floors?)
How you're going to handle it:

- ☐ Cleaning Supplies (How much are you paying? Who's doing the buying?)
How you're going to handle it:

- ☐ Utilities (Electric, internet, cable — how will these get divided? If someone has a TV in their room, do they pay more?)
How you're going to handle it:

- ☐ Food (Who's shopping? Do you split food? Do you share? Do you have your own shelf?)
How you're going to handle it:

- ☐ Pets (Have any now? Plan to get any in the future?)
How you're going to handle it:

- ☐ Guests (Having a significant other or friend stay for a significant amount of time?)
How you're going to handle it:

- ☐ Moving Out (New job? Win the lottery? Leaving before the lease is up?)
How you're going to handle it:

- ☐ Chipping in for Furniture (Sure it makes sense to "split the couch" now, but who owns it when you move out?)
How you're going to handle it:

➡ I have read and agreed to the above:

_____ initial ___/___/___ date
_____ initial ___/___/___ date
_____ initial ___/___/___ date

