

Village Housemate Living Agreement

Townhouse # _____ Year 20____ - 20____

The Residence Life Staff would like to help you build a positive relationship with your housemates. One way that we can help you and your housemates to succeed is to facilitate the following apartment living agreement. Please take some time to go through the following topics with your housemates and discuss your expectations of each other. If at anytime you need help or have questions, please see your VCA. In the event of a housemate conflict this agreement will help our staff to understand the original expectations you all had when you moved in together. When you have thoroughly completed this form, your VCA will review the agreement with you to ensure that you and your housemates are in agreement and understand the terms you have set. Feel free to add topics or to revise it whenever necessary. Good luck and have a great year!

Apt/Cell Phone I would/wouldn't be comfortable without friends/neighbors answering my phone
 If my cell phone rings and I am not there please don't answer it

Visitors I have read & understand the SUNY Oswego Visitor/Guest Policy (see *Resident Student Handbook*)
 If we have visitors, we agree to: give notice, respect others space, privacy, etc.
 Visitors can stay until _____ on weekdays, _____ weekends
 If I am uncomfortable with a certain visitor, I will communicate with my roommate(s)

Significant Others I have a significant other and would like to have them visit (*please see visitation policy*)
 If significant others are going to stay in our apartment, the following is expected . . .
 Before significant others plan to visit there needs to be notification (12, 24 hrs notice)
 It is OK for significant others to stay: during the week, only on weekends, etc.

Personal Rooms If the door is open, come on in
 If the door is unlocked, come on in
 Always knock and wait for a response
 Never go into my room if I'm not there

We agree to respect the above guidelines which we have discussed and documented. We also agree that if we have a problem we will communicate with each other to find a solution to the situation. In closing, we understand that these guidelines can be discussed whenever necessary and changed when all housemates are in agreement.

Print Names: _____

Sign & Date: _____

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*Your RSS staff is here to help you with creating this agreement and/or making any changes.
 Please don't hesitate to ask them for their help!

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION & CHOICE IDEAS |
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| Academic Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> I need complete quiet in order to read or study <input type="checkbox"/> No amount of noise will bother me <input type="checkbox"/> I need it to be somewhat quiet when I am reading or studying <input type="checkbox"/> I can/can't study with music or television |
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| Borrowing | <input type="checkbox"/> I would prefer that my housemates not borrow my belongings <input type="checkbox"/> What is mine is yours! <input type="checkbox"/> If it's in the apartment's common areas, it's fair game <input type="checkbox"/> As long as they ask first, I don't mind if my housemates borrow the following: <input type="checkbox"/> I don't mind if my housemates borrow the following without asking: |
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| Computer | <input type="checkbox"/> Please don't ever use or touch my computer <input type="checkbox"/> I don't mind if you ask to use my computer but I would prefer that you only use it to: <input type="checkbox"/> You can use my computer to: check e-mail, write papers, use the internet, other <input type="checkbox"/> You can use my computer w/out permission, just make sure you: leave it as it was, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Always ask before using my computer |
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| Cleaning Duties | <input type="checkbox"/> My definition of "clean" is: <input type="checkbox"/> For the apartment to be "clean" I believe the following must be done: <input type="checkbox"/> I need a clean apartment in order to function <input type="checkbox"/> I am OK with a little bit of disorder <input type="checkbox"/> I think the apartment should be cleaned: daily, weekly, biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> I don't mind doing the following: garbage removal, sweeping, dusting, etc. |
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- Bathroom Etiquette**
- Please don't leave personal items or shower supplies in the bathroom(s)
 - Showers should be no longer than:
 - Please flush every time
 - The bathroom(s) will be cleaned: weekly, bi-weekly etc.
 - Please rinse the sink/shower after every use

- Kitchen Etiquette**
- Feel free to use my cookware
 - Please don't use my cookware without asking
 - Dishes should be in the dishwasher/sink no longer than:
 - After cooking, the kitchen should be cleaned no later than:
 - Kitchen trash will be taken out every: day, other day, weekend, etc.

- Food**
- Please don't eat my food
 - Ask before consuming
 - We can grocery shop together
 - You can eat/drink the following

- Communication**
- My communication style would be defined as:
 - You will know I am upset when I...
 - If I am upset, I want to talk about it right away
 - If I am upset, I need times to put my thoughts together
 - I prefer to communicate face to face
 - I prefer to communicate in writing first
 - I might be uncomfortable communicating until I get to know you better
 - I do not want my personal life/issues shared with members of the community
 - Please ask me before sharing information with family and friends

- Money**
- What is mine is mine and what is yours is yours
 - Please don't ever ask to borrow money
 - I don't mind pitching in for: food, beverages, takeout, etc.-just ask first!
 - Please don't ever go into my bag, wallet, purse, etc.
 - We agree not to leave our money, checkbooks, credit/bank cards laying around

- Housemate Boundaries**
- My pet peeves are...
 - If a guest isn't saying the night they should leave by...
 - If I offended you or do something to make you upset please tell me-I will do the same
 - We agree to use the 24/48 hour rule if something is bothering us

- Common Areas Set up**
- No redecorating without group consensus
 - If you move furniture around put it back when you're done
 - I don't like my belongings being moved by anyone other than myself
 - If you want to reconfigure common areas just let us know ahead of time

- Apartment Temperature**
- I like the temperature to be; cool, warm, hot
 - I don't like the common area windows open when I am: sleeping, not home, etc.

- Sleeping Habits**
- I go to bed early and I'm up early
 - I DO NOT like mornings, I am a night person, I like to take naps
 - On weekdays I don't get up before...On weekends I don't get up before...
 - On weekdays I go to bed around...On weekends I go to be around...

- Music**
- I need to listen to music when I am: studying, sleeping, getting ready, etc.
 - I don't mind hearing music when I am: studying, sleeping, getting ready, etc.
 - I *mind* hearing music when I am: studying, sleeping, getting ready, etc.
 - Music is OK in the common area or heard outside individual rooms until:
 - I like listening to the following types of music: