

# ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

A Roommate Agreement is a great way to facilitate the first conversation with your roommate(s). See the agreement below for things to talk about with your roommate(s) the first week that you begin living together. It is good to discuss the standards below so that issues do not arise later because you have not set forth honest and clear expectations and guidelines.

This agreement, made on \_\_\_\_\_, is an agreement between:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
roommates at \_\_\_\_\_, Newark, Delaware.

I understand that I, as an individual, and we, as a group, are responsible to the manager/landlord, the utility companies and each other. This agreement can be changed only with the agreements of all parties.

## PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

This agreement begin on \_\_\_\_\_ and ends on \_\_\_\_\_. I fully understand and accept the written responsibilities of this agreement.

## SECURITY DEPOSIT

The security deposit for the apartment/house is \$\_\_\_\_\_. My share amounts to \$\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that this amount will be returned to me less the amount deducted by the manager/landlord for unpaid rent and/or damages. I accept the responsibility for damages which I, my pet, or a friend of mine causes, and I will reimburse my roommate(s) for the part of their security deposit withheld for those damages.

## RENT

The total rent according to the terms of our lease agreement with our manager is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month. I agree to pay 1/\_\_\_\_\_ of our monthly rent. This amounts to \$\_\_\_\_\_. The total amount my roommate(s) and I are liable for over the period of the lease is \$\_\_\_\_\_, of which my share is \$\_\_\_\_\_. I understand that we, as a group, and I, as an individual, am responsible to the manager/landlord for the total rent for the term of the agreement.

## UTILITIES

I agree to pay 1/\_\_\_\_\_ of the deposits and/or hook-up charges for all utilities.

I agree to pay 1/\_\_\_\_\_ of the monthly utility bills except telephone.

I agree to pay 1/\_\_\_\_\_ of the of the monthly phone service charge, plus all long distance calls which I make, including the tax on those calls.

I agree to pay as follows for any additional utilities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## MOVING OUT

If for any reason I move out of the dwelling, I realize it is my responsibility to find a replacement. I agree to look for a replacement who is acceptable to my present roommate(s). If I move out of the dwelling and a replacement roommate has not been found, I realize that I am legally responsible to my roommate(s) for paying my share of the rent and utility bills. I understand that I, as an individual, can be held responsible to the apartment manager/landlord or the utility companies for up to the entire rent and/or utility bills. If my roommate(s) fail(s) to fulfill their part of the agreement.

*I agree to the following arrangement regarding:*

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Food/Shopping

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Cleaning Responsibilities

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Privacy

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Sharing of Personal Items

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Smoking/Drinking/Drugs

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Parties/Entertaining

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Overnight Guests

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Pets

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Additional (i.e., security, furniture, appliances, etc.)

As a party of this agreement, I realize that I, as well as each of my roommate(s), have equal rights to the use of the space and facilities in the dwelling with the exceptions of the areas we have designated as each one's private space. This agreement is intended to promote positive communication, mutual expectations, and respect for one another.

Each roommate should sign below and receive an original copy.

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Roommate Signature

Date

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*The University of Delaware takes no responsibility for roommates not following the guidelines of this agreement or any liability that might result regarding this agreement.*