

COMPLETE GUIDE TO

College Roommates

GENERAL TIPS, IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK, HOW
TO SAVE MONEY, AND ROOMMATE CONTRACT TOPICS



Roommate Life

GENERAL TIPS

1. Get to know and try to bond with your roommates from the beginning: Maybe go out to dinner, explore your new town, or go to a school event together. You can use the "essential questions" list below to learn more about each other.

2. Save money by sharing common dorm room items: College is super expensive and I'm always looking for new ways to save money (who isn't right!?) One of the best ways to save money in college is to share some common college items (that you really don't need doubles of) with your roommates. Check out the "college items" list below.

3. Set a roommate contract: Roommate contracts are a great way to set specific rules and responsibilities for you and your roommate/s to follow. Check out the "roommate contract topics" list below.

4. Speak up when something your roommate does is bothering you: It's better to talk about it kindly than ignore it altogether.

5. Keep your room clean: I know that keeping your room clean doesn't really seem like it would help you get along/live better with your roommates but it does, haha! Having a clean and organized room will make both of you feel more put together and on top of things which is great!

Essential Questions

10 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR ROOMMATES!

1. Are you a morning or night person?
2. How is your class schedule? Lots of early classes? (this is also a good time to compare your schedules!)
3. When is your birthday? (write this down so that you don't forget your roomies bday.)
4. If Greek Life is big at your school you can ask are you rushing?
5. Do you plan to go home on the weekends a lot?
6. Are you okay with having guests over?
7. What are your study habits? More likely to study in our room or somewhere else like the library?
8. What time do you want our lights off?
9. What are your thoughts on alcohol and drugs? (Obviously, drugs and alcohol are not something you should participate in at college but it's important to know where you both stand on the matter.)
10. What are your going out habits? Are you planning to drink/party? I know that this question may be a little awkward to ask but it's important to know. Being open and honest with your roommates is always the best policy.

College Items

YOU SHOULD SHARE TO SAVE MONEY

MICROWAVE	☐	3 HOLE PUNCH	☐
MINI FRIDGE	☐	RUG	☐
SMALL VACUUM	☐	CURTAINS	☐
BROOM & DUSTPAN	☐	EXTRA CUTE CHAIR	☐
WATER FILTER (BRITA)	☐	FUTON	☐
HAND SOAP	☐	OIL DIFFUSER	☐
SPONGE	☐	ROLLING CART	☐
FEBREEZE	☐	PRINTER	☐
DISH SOAP	☐	TELEVISION	☐
PLASTIC SILVERWARE	☐	AMAZON FIRE TV CUBE	☐
NAPKINS	☐	PORTABLE PROJECTOR	☐
PAPER PLATES	☐	PORTABLE SPEAKER	☐
MINI KEURIG	☐	DOOR STOPPER	☐
DRYING RACK	☐	SHOWER CURTAIN	☐
IRON	☐	BATH RUG	☐
IRONING BOARD/MAT	☐	CLEANING SUPPLIES	☐
FAN	☐	HOLIDAY DECOR	☐

Roommate Contract Topics

IMPORTANT THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

- **Study/Sleep Habits**

- standard lights out time
- when one roommate is sleeping or studying in the room, will the others agree to be quiet?

- **Guests & Visitations**

- are you all okay with guests/visitors
- how far in advance should your roommates ask you if they can have a visitor stay the night?

- **Cleanliness**

- how clean should the room be kept?
- how often should personal & shared spaces be cleaned?

- **Food**

- any allergies?

- **Possession**

- agree to respect the property of others and to not use things that don't belong to you without permission.

- **Communication**

- how will you go about addressing roommate conflicts?

- **Room Security**

- key or lock code should never be shared with anyone that doesn't live in your room.