

Community Standards For Your Apartment

As individuals, there will be things you are used to doing in different ways. You need to communicate with each other and discuss how you can each agree to understand and accept the differences in lifestyle and unique characteristics each of you have.

**Below are some suggestions. You may have other topics to discuss.
Be prepared to revisit standards as your needs change in your apartment.
Some things to talk about as an apartment:**

You are so messy!

What are your standards of cleanliness? How clean should the place be kept? Who does dishes and takes out trash? Tooth paste in the sink? Which direction should the toilet paper roll face? What concerns are there with the standard of cleanliness? How clean should the place be kept?

OUR CONSENSUS IS:

You didn't tell me I had a message!

What about the telephone and general messages? Where should they be kept? How do you respond to calls for others in the apartment?

OUR CONSENSUS IS:

I didn't know we had a permanent live-in!

What about guests and those couples who are in the kitchen when you wake up, want to eat, or want to relax? How much romance is too much?

OUR CONSENSUS IS:

Quiet, I'm studying!

What's your definition of noise? What's loud and what isn't? What kind of music do you like to listen to? At what times should noise be minimized so others may study or sleep? Is absolute quiet needed in order to study? How important are grades?

OUR CONSENSUS IS:

Where's my dinner?

Do we each cook one night or do our own cooking? Do we share food? If so, how do we pay or replace it?

OUR CONSENSUS IS:

What about borrowing things?

What about sharing and borrowing personal items such as clothes, skis, food, C.D.s, stereos, computers, etc. Are these and other items off limits or for mutual use? Is permission required for all items or just certain ones? Concerns with using personally purchased food?

OUR CONSENSUS IS:

What about lights & computers

When do you typically go to bed and wake up? How do you feel about having a light on while the other roommate is asleep? Should computers or music be on when one of us is asleep?

OUR CONSENSUS IS: