

Roommate Agreement Form

The purpose of this form is to provide you and your roommate(s) with a starting point to negotiate a variety of issues. Although most roommates believe they will get along great and don't need a roommate agreement, experience has shown that even the best of friends can become bitter enemies after several months of sharing an apartment. It is highly recommended that an agreement be completed after an honest discussion about issues and personal habits.

Roommate Agreement Between

Tenant 1: _____ Tenant 2: _____

Tenant 3: _____ Tenant 4: _____

Tenant 5: _____ Tenant 6: _____

Rental Unit Address

Address: _____ Unit: _____

City: _____ Province: NB Postal Code: _____

We agree that if this agreement conflicts with any of our rights and obligations under the Residential Lease Agreement dated _____, with respect to the above noted premises or with the provisions of any Provincial Acts, said Tenancy Agreement and the Provincial Act will prevail in all respects.

1. Other Charges

There may be other charges that are shared between roommates such as phone, cable, internet, etc. It is important that everyone clearly knows who is responsible for paying what bill and when others have to pay that person their portion of the bill.

Type of Bill	Person Responsible for Paying Bill	Date Roommate Portion Due	Date Bill Due
Ex. Cable	John Doe	12 th of the month	20 th of the month

* It is a good idea to make sure the date the money is due to the person paying the bill is before the actual due date of the bill.

2. Chores

Deciding how chores will be handled in advance makes getting along much easier. Although individual chores may seem like minor annoyances, during stressful times (mid-terms, exams, etc), those minor annoyances can lead to major disputes. You can deal with chores by simply having a person responsible for an individual chore for the entire year, or you can rotate chores daily, weekly, monthly etc. in addition to assigning who is responsible for a particular chore, make sure you decide on the frequency and when it has to be done. For example, you may decide each person is responsible to do the dishes on a particular day of the week and the dishes need to be washed and put away before the end of the night.

Chore	Person Responsible	Frequency	Special Notes
Ex. Dishes	John: Mon Jill: Tues	Daily	Must be done before bed

3. House Rules

It is important to discuss house rules before living together. By discussing and agreeing to house rules in advance everyone has the same understanding and no one person is then seen as “whining” or “complaining”. Below are some typical rules that need to be addressed:

- **NOISE**

Early morning or late at night noise can be caused by stereos, clock radios and simply talking late at night with a visiting friend.

Common Complaint: My roommate likes to listen to his/her stereo (even at low volumes) late at night.

- **GUESTS**

Can consist of mutual friends, visitors, overnight guests, partners and even parents.

Common Complaint: My roommate has their partner over every Friday and Saturday night or they stay for a week at a time.

- **PERSONAL ITEMS**

Could include many things at varying degrees. For example, bedroom vs common area or bathroom items vs items in the fridge. *Note:* It may be worthwhile to do a property list to ensure that everybody knows which items belong to each roommate as well as for insurance purposes.

Common Complaint: My roommate went into my bedroom to borrow my hair dryer and told me a couple of days later when I could not find it.

- **LEAVING MESSAGES**

It is always important to have good communication between roommates. Designate an area (eg. fridge door) to leave messages for each other.

Common Complaint: My roommate never writes down messages and tells me after the message becomes irrelevant!

- **STUDYING ARRANGEMENTS**

There may be times when visitors will not be allowed or maybe two roommates prefer using the same area to study.

Common Complaint: My roommate likes to study with his friend, but their chatting late into the night bothers me.

It is agreed that the following rules will apply for the period of our occupancy at said premises:

4. Other

It is important to know what will happen at the end of an agreement. It should be incorporated into the agreement that all parties have a discussion in early into the tenancy as to what is going to happen. If one roommate is going to give their notice to vacate then the Roommate Agreement should require each individual to give a copy of the notice to other roommates so that they can decide if they are going to stay or give their notice as well.

Dated this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

The signing of this agreement indicates our full understanding and acceptance of the above provisions and terms.

Tenant 1: _____ **Witness 1:** _____

Tenant 2: _____ **Witness 2:** _____

Tenant 3: _____ **Witness 3:** _____

Tenant 4: _____ **Witness 4:** _____

Tenant 5: _____ **Witness 5:** _____

Tenant 6: _____ **Witness 6:** _____