

Roommate Agreement

This agreement will help you have a positive living experience with your roommate in residence.

Resident 1: _____ **Suite:** _____

Resident 2: _____ **RA:** _____

Noise

1. What time do we like to wake up and go to sleep? Where are there differences in these schedules? What noise level is acceptable to us when one is sleeping?
2. What noise level is acceptable to us when we're both awake?
3. How often do we plan to study in the suite? What do we need from each other during study periods? How will 'quiet' study times be decided and communication?

Guests

1. How often do we plan to host guests in the suite?

2. How much notice will we provide one another when hosting a daytime guest and when hosting an overnight guest?
3. What boundaries would we like guests in the suite to respect?

Cleaning

1. What schedule would we like to set for taking out the garbage?
2. What schedule would you like to set for routine cleaning (e.g., doing the dishes, wiping the counters) and for deep cleaning?

Room Temperature

1. What temperature would we like to set the suite to during warmer times, cool times, and cold times?

Alcohol

1. How often would we be comfortable with each other hosting guests while drinking (e.g., small get together with alcohol)?

Sharing

1. Which of the following items will we share? If yes, which would we like to ask each other before using?

Item	Sharing? Yes/No/Ask
Pots, pans, baking sheets, etc.?	
Plates, bowls, etc.?	
Knives, forks, spoons, etc.?	
Drinks?	
Food?	
Paper towel?	
Dish soap?	
Other (kitchen):	
Toilet paper?	
Hand soap?	
Hand towels?	
Other (bathroom):	
Other (general):	
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2. How will we decide who replaces non-reusable items?

Conflict Resolution

1. Which methods of communication will we use to discuss conflict that may come up (e.g., text message, snapchat, phone call, in-person, etc.)?

2. When would we like to discuss any conflict that may come up (e.g., pre-scheduled time, anytime, after classes, etc.)

3. How will we generally demonstrate respect for one another during conflict?

Anything else you want to discuss in your roommate agreement meeting?

Resident Advisor to review roommate mediation steps:

Step One: Talk to Your Roommate

The first step anytime you have a concern with your roommate is to talk to them directly. It is important to use respectful language, avoid the temptation to assume the worst about them, and keep an open mind to possible solutions.

Step Two: Talk to Your Resident Advisor

The first thing your RA will ask is whether or not you have discussed your concerns with your roommate directly so be sure to complete step one first whenever you can! Your RA can provide you some tips on how to approach the situation if that would be helpful for you, too.

If talking to your roommate directly doesn't work, the next step is to loop in your RA who can help the two of you revisit and revise your roommate agreement. They can also help create a comfortable space for the two of you to discuss the situation.

Step Three: Roommate Mediation with Residence Life Management Team

If you have talked to your roommate directly and your RA has supported but issues are still happening – don't panic! Sometimes it can take a few tries to sort things out. You should schedule a meeting with your Residence Life Coordinator or contact them via email to initiate a roommate mediation: residencelife@algonquinresidence.ca

Steps Reviewed