

# HOUSEMATE COMPATIBILITY CHECKLIST

Answer these questions for yourself and compare your results with potential housemates to make informed decisions. Utilize this tool to create an opportunity to discuss these topics and establish an atmosphere of mutual understanding before moving in.

## SHARING/ EXPENSES

### When do you pay bills?

- Immediately
- By the due date
- Whenever I get around to it

### How should we pay utilities?

- Each roommate sets up a utility and we pay one another evenly
- One roommate sets up all utilities and we pay one person our share

### What are your thoughts on borrowing?

- Sharing is caring – no need to ask!
- You can probably borrow my stuff – just ask!
- I prefer not to share, but wouldn't say no in an emergency
- I never lend my things to others, sorry

### How should we share common use items?

- Take turns buying
- Split costs evenly
- Buy our own items separately

### How should we share common food items?

- Take turns buying
- Split costs evenly
- Buy our own items separately

### What else will we share?

- Toaster/kettle/coffee maker
- Towels/sheets
- Dishes/cutlery
- Furniture in common areas
- Vacuum

## CLEANLINESS

### How tidy are you?

- Could eat off the floor
- Everything is put away – no clutter!
- A little messy
- Where is the floor?

### What's your kitchen like?

- Always squeaky clean
- Clean and mostly tidy
- You might be able to find things if you look really hard
- A breeding ground for microbes

### What's your bathroom like?

- Spotless – I clean it up daily
- Clean – I clean it weekly
- Not bad, but not great – monthly clean
- Beyond the point of cleaning – is that cement or toothpaste on the mirror?

### How do you handle dishes?

- Washed/put away daily
- Washed/drip dry overnight
- Wash in the morning after overnight
- Wash once we run out of clean dishes

### How will we handle cleaning?

- Rotating chores schedule (garbage, dusting, floors, vacuum)
- Permanent cleaning assignment
- Decide when the need for cleaning arises

### How often will you do your share of cleaning?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Once a month
- Whenever I get around to it

## LIFESTYLE

### When is background noise acceptable?

- Any time of the day or night
- During the day or evening, but not night
- As long as I'm not home
- I need the silence of a library

### How often do you have TV sound/music on?

- Always!
- Often
- Rarely
- Never
- I always wear headphones

### Do you smoke?

- No, and don't mind if you do
- No, but mind if you do
- Yes
- Yes, but only outside

### When do you go to bed during the week?

- Early: between 8pm – 11pm
- Moderate: between 11pm – 1am
- Late: between 1am – 4am
- During daylight hours

### Study habits:

- Must be completely quiet
- Some distractions are ok
- Usually study elsewhere
- Who needs to study?

### How often will you be coming and going?

- I'll be home 24/7
- Once or twice per day
- Constantly

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<b>SOCIALIZING</b>	<p><b>What are you hoping for from me as a roommate?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Someone to split the bills and chores</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Someone friendly, but don't have to be best friends</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Someone who wants to hang out and do stuff with</li> </ul> <p><b>What is your guest policy?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The more the merrier!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not a problem, just ask for a heads up</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> One or two guests occasionally is ok</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> On a rare occasion guests are fine</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I prefer no guests coming over</li> </ul> <p><b>How do you feel about guests spending the night?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't bother me</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Guests staying over occasionally is fine</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally, but not multiple nights</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I'm not comfortable with guests staying over</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do you feel about parties?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Love hosting them often!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> They're fine, just provide notice ahead of time</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An occasional dinner/small gathering is fine</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I don't want to have any parties at my home</li> </ul> <p><b>Will any guests be staying over?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have a guest who will stay over often (2-3 nights/week)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have a guest who will stay over occasionally &lt;2-3 nights/week)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I do not anticipate any guests staying over</li> </ul>
<b>FOOD/DRINK/ COOKING</b>	<p><b>Anything about food that I should know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I'm vegetarian/vegan &amp; meat can be in the house</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I'm vegetarian/vegan &amp; meat cannot be in the house</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I'm kosher</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I'm Halal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul> <p><b>How often do you cook?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All 3 meals, most days</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Usually dinners</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 big meals a week</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Takeout is life</li> </ul> <p><b>Food allergies?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____</li> </ul>	<p><b>How do you feel about alcohol?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I'm down to drink during the week</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I save it for weekends</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I drink a few times a month, if that</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I don't drink, but I don't mind if you do</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I don't drink and prefer an alcohol-free home</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER</b>	<p><b>Other things my future roommate(s) should know about me:</b></p>          	