

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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SOCIALIZING

What are you hoping for from me as a roommate?

- Someone to split the bills and chores
- Someone friendly, but don't have to be best friends
- Someone who wants to hang out and do stuff with

What is your guest policy?

- The more the merrier!
- Not a problem, just ask for a heads up
- One or two guests occasionally is ok
- On a rare occasion guests are fine
- I prefer no guests coming over

How do you feel about guests spending the night?

- Doesn't bother me
- Guests staying over occasionally is fine
- Occasionally, but not multiple nights
- I'm not comfortable with guests staying over

How do you feel about parties?

- Love hosting them often!
- They're fine, just provide notice ahead of time
- An occasional dinner/small gathering is fine
- I don't want to have any parties at my home

Will any guests be staying over?

- I have a guest who will stay over often (2-3 nights/week)
- I have a guest who will stay over occasionally <2-3 nights/week)
- I do not anticipate any guests staying over

**FOOD/DRINK/
COOKING**

Anything about food that I should know?

- I'm vegetarian/vegan & meat can be in the house
- I'm vegetarian/vegan & meat cannot be in the house
- I'm kosher
- I'm Halal
- Other _____

How often do you cook?

- All 3 meals, most days
- Usually dinners
- 1 or 2 big meals a week
- Takeout is life

Food allergies?

- No
- Yes _____

How do you feel about alcohol?

- I'm down to drink during the week
- I save it for weekends
- I drink a few times a month, if that
- I don't drink, but I don't mind if you do
- I don't drink and prefer an alcohol-free home

OTHER

Other things my future roommate(s) should know about me: