

BENNINGTON COLLEGE ROOMMATE AGREEMENT

House: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

This roommate agreement will help you begin the process of discussing issues that frequently become sources of conflict. Experience has shown that conflicts between roommates generally fall into certain predictable categories. While these topics may seem trivial, many conflicts between roommates begin when small issues escalate and simmer under the surface over time. Remember, communication is the most important component of a good roommate relationship. All students should feel comfortable approaching their roommate when issues arise and communicating these issues in an atmosphere of openness and mutual respect. If you have more questions or concerns please come to the Office of Student Life (Barn 113) to meet with a Residential Life staff member, or email housing@bennington.edu.

Getting Started

	Name:	Name:	Name:
Have you ever shared a room?			
What are your hobbies and interests?			
What are the things you value?			
What are your lifestyle choices (e.g., vegetarian, alcohol/substance use, religious practices)			

Study, Sleep, and Quiet Hours

Definition of quiet hours (e.g., music, phone conversations, visitors):

Quiet Hours in your room:

Weekdays: _____

Weekends: _____

Each house has its own quiet hour; be sure to consider these when discussing quiet hours for your room.

When I am sleeping, it is (circle one) for my roommate:

Name:

okay / not okay
 okay / not okay
 okay / not okay
 okay / not okay
 okay / not okay

Name:

okay / not okay
 okay / not okay
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to watch TV
 to listen to music (with headphones?)
 to have visitors in the room
 to have lights on (desk lamp?)
 to talk on the phone

	Name:	Name:	Name:
Preferences for studying time:			
Our preferences for sleeping times:			
Our preference with regards to alarm clocks (time, volume, snoozing):			
Alone time, if any (e.g., for prayer, meditation, privacy)			

Care for the room

How clean do we expect to keep our room?

How frequently will we take out the trash?

How frequently will we do our laundry?

Regarding the temperature of the room, we agree to (consider having windows open, use of thermostat, etc.)
