



THRIVE AS A STUDENT

QUESTIONS TO ASK A POTENTIAL LANDLORD

How much is rent?

Which utilities are included in monthly rent?

- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Gas
- ☐ Exterior maintenance
- ☐ Interior maintenance
- ☐ Salt and snow removal
- ☐ Garbage
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Cable

What are my estimated costs outside of rent, and what did the last tenant pay on average each month? (Do some of your own research here. Unless you're obligated to get your utilities from a specific company, shop around for the best rates.)

- \$ _____ Electricity
- \$ _____ Water
- \$ _____ Gas
- \$ _____ Exterior maintenance
- \$ _____ Interior maintenance
- \$ _____ Salt and snow removal
- \$ _____ Garbage
- \$ _____ Internet
- \$ _____ Cable

What was the difference in utility costs between hot summer months and cold winter months?

Where do I park?

- ☐ Is there off-street parking available?
- ☐ Is each tenant assigned a parking spot or is it a free-for-all?

- ☐ Will the parking lot be plowed if it snows?
- ☐ Does it cost anything to get a parking pass?
- ☐ Are there any parking restrictions?
- ☐ Where can guests park?

What are the laundry facilities like?

- ☐ Are there a washer and dryer in the apartment/condo/house?
- ☐ If not, does the entire building have shared laundry facilities?
- ☐ How much do they cost per use?
- ☐ If they are not available at all, where is the nearest laundromat and dry cleaner?

What sanitation services are offered?

- ☐ Will the apartment be cleaned prior to move-in day?
- ☐ Is there a cleaning service that maintains common areas such as hallways and foyers?
- ☐ How often is trash collected?
- ☐ Is recycling collected?
- ☐ Where and when do trash and/or recycling get picked up?

Are there additional one-time fees?

- ☐ Application fees
- ☐ Background check fees
- ☐ Pet fees
- ☐ Processing fees

Can I renew my lease after it ends if I choose to do so?

- ☐ Will rent increase?
- ☐ How far in advance do I need to notify the landlord about renewal?

Can I sublet my place when I head home for a month or two in the summer?



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How does payment work?

- _____ Can I write a personal check?
- _____ Can I pay online with my bank account?
- _____ Can I hand deliver or do I have to mail my payments?
- _____ What is the landlord's mailing address and phone number?

Miscellaneous

- _____ Who is responsible for mowing the grass or other maintenance issues?
- _____ Whom do I call if there is a plumbing issue?
- _____ Is there an extra fee if I lose my key?
- _____ How long may guests stay before they are considered tenants?
- _____ Are there any security cameras in or near the building?
- _____ Is there anything else I should know that hasn't been covered?