

Apartment Hunting Checklist



APARTMENT COMMUNITY NAME

1. Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____
2. Cost for Rent _____ for _____ Bedroom/ _____ Bathroom/ _____ sq. ft.
 Can be paid via: Internet Check Card Cash Money Order
3. Length of lease: 3 mos 6 mos 12 mos 14 mos
4. Average yearly rent increase _____ 5. Turnover Rate [%] _____

WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL FEES?

6. Security Deposit Y N Amount \$ _____
7. Up-Front Deposits Y N Amount \$ _____
8. Refundable Pet Deposit? Y N Breed restrictions _____
 a. Pet Fee Deposit \$ _____ b. Monthly Pet Fee \$ _____
9. Parking Fee? Y N
 a. # of spaces _____ b. Amount \$ _____/month
10. Renters Insurance? Y N Amount \$ _____/month
11. Late Fee \$ _____ after _____ days from due date
12. Returned Check Fee \$ _____

ARE UTILITIES INCLUDED?

13. Electricity Y N Amount \$ _____/month
14. Internet Y N Amount \$ _____/month
15. Cable Y N Amount \$ _____/month
16. Water Y N Amount \$ _____/month
17. Gas Y N Amount \$ _____/month
18. Garbage Removal Y N Amount \$ _____/month

HOW MUCH WILL EVERYTHING COST?

- First Month's Rent \$ _____ [Add #2, #6, #7, #8a, #9b, #10]
- Avg. Monthly Rent Due \$ _____ [Add #2, #8b, #9b, #10]
- Monthly Utilities \$ _____ [Add #13-18]

ARE APPLIANCES INCLUDED?

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| Refrigerator | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | Dishwasher | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Stove/Oven | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | Washer/Dryer | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Microwave | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N | ↳ Rental \$ _____/month | |
| | | Laundry Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |

IS EVERYTHING UP TO DATE & WORKING?

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Smoke Detectors | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Fire Extinguishers | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Sprinklers | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Garbage Disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Windows open, close, & lock properly | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Easy Access Emergency Exits | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |

WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE TO LIVE HERE?

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Gated community? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Well-lit at night? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Enough natural light in room[s]? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Balcony/Patio? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Fireplace? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Apartment is inside building? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Elevator? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Wheelchair accessible? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Business Center? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Clubhouse? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Pool? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Gym? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Pet-Friendly? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Bark Park? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Quiet hours _____ to _____ | |
| Nearby entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| ISP & Cable service providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |

HOW IS THE SERVICE?

- How much notice is given before maintenance enters the premises? _____
- Expected maintenance response time? _____
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| A/C filters changed by maintenance? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |
| Is the office knowledgeable & helpful? | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N |

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

20 Questions to Ask About Housing

When you are looking at a house or apartment that you might like to live in on your own or with a roommate, the answers to these questions might help you decide if you want to live there.

1. Is the house or apartment in a neighborhood that feels safe and I'm comfortable when I walk around?
 Yes No
2. Is the house or apartment close to stores, banks, places to eat?
 Yes No
3. Is the house or apartment close to public transportation such as a bus stop?
 Yes No
4. Will I be able to get to work or school from here?
 Yes No
5. Is the house or apartment clean and well maintained inside and out?
 Yes No
6. Is there good working heat and air conditioning?
 Yes No
7. Do the bathrooms work well? Are they easy to get to?
 Yes No
8. Is the kitchen set up so I can use it?
 Yes No
9. Are there laundry facilities in the house, apartment or apartment building?
 Yes No
10. Will I have my own telephone line?
 Yes No

11. Can I get my own mailbox?
 Yes No
12. Is there staff on-site or the landlord nearby that I can ask for help if I have a problem?
 Yes No
13. Are the neighbors friendly and supportive?
 Yes No
14. Are there things to do at the house or apartment for fun and exercise?
 Yes No
15. Is the building accessible for me? Is there an entrance I can get in no matter what the weather or my ability to move around?
 Yes No
16. Can I get into the laundry room, where the garbage goes, the pool or exercise room if they have one?
 Yes No
17. Is the rent in my price range? Can I afford to live here?
 Yes No
18. Is there a deadbolt on the lock on the front door?
 Yes No
19. If there are other people in the house, is there a lock on the bedroom door? Would I have enough privacy?
 Yes No
20. Did I see a list of all the extra fees (deposits, cost for pets, cost for parking, etc?)
 Yes No