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Roommate Locater

The search for a roommate is no small feat, so do your homework before entering into this living arrangement. Here are a few tips to consider:

- Background check (www.trak-1.com)
- Discuss rent and when it is due
- Decide how utilities will be paid
- Overnight guests agreements

Check out

- tinyurl.com/CommunityStatistics
- Roomateloctor.com
- Roomster.net
- Roomates.com
- craigslist.com
- easyroommate.com

New to the Area?

For information about the local newspaper delivery, mail, recycling information and more, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov

Housing Search Websites

- ApartmentGuide.com
- hocweb.org/housing/info.html
- theapartmentconnection.com
- apt-locators.com
- apartments.com
- rent.net
- tinyurl.com/MDrentals
- apartmentlist.com
- http://www.trulia.com/
CABLE, INTERNET, & TELEPHONE

- Comcast 1-800-266-2278
- Star Power Communications 1-877-782-7769

GAS, ELECTRIC, & WATER

- Potomac Edison 1-800-686-0011
- Potomac Electric Power (PEPCO) 202-833-7500
- Washington Gas 1-800-750-1000
- Washington Sanitary Suburban Commission 301-206-8000

TRANSPORTATION

- Metro 202-637-7000
- Ride-On Metro 240-777-0311
- Regional Metro Access 301-562-5360

THE LEASE

It is a legally binding document, so read it carefully.

- Know the terms of the lease length
- Is a pet deposit and rent required?
- Is smoking allowed?
- How many occupants are allowed in the residence?
- Are there parking restrictions?
- Who is responsible for emergency maintenance

SAFETY & SECURITY

- What type of locks are on the doors?
- Are entryways and sidewalks well lit?
- Is the parking on or off the street?
- What is the turnover rate of residents?
- Are the smoke detectors functional?

RENTER’S INSURANCE

- Is it required?
- What is the cost?
- How much coverage is necessary?
- Is individual coverage necessary for each tenant?