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Two Can Live More Cheaply Than One ~ Consider a Roommate

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There are many places where you can find people who are also looking for roommates. Check the

Choose Your Roommate Wisely . . .

You must keep in mind that you'll be living closely with this person (or persons) so there are

- Make sure that your schedules and interests will compliment each other. If you like a
- How you live is another issue that should be considered. If you're a neat freak and yo
- If you're a pet owner it's important to find someone who shares your love for animals.
- Be sure and specify whether you wish to room with a smoker or non-smoker.
- If you plan to share shopping and cooking responsibilities choose a person who likes t

These are just a few of the issues that must be resolved if you intend to live in harmony with

Agree On the Rules From the Start . . .

1. Choosing a location:

If you have already chosen a roommate, or roommates, and are looking for an apartment, be sure

2. All roommates should be included on the lease.

This will prevent anyone being left ^holding the bag~ if one of the roommates decides to make

3. Decide how the bills will be divided.

How the rent, utilities, phone bills, etc., will be divided is extremely important. While heat

For example, if one roommate has a larger bedroom and a private bath, while the others share a

And, while the basic cost of the phone bill should be shared by all who use it, personal toll

If there are Internet and cable bills, you can hardly expect someone who doesn't use a compute

Be sure and put all of these arrangements in writing so there is no question or dispute later.

It's a very good idea for each roommate to set up one of the utility accounts (electricity, gas,

4. Decide how housekeeping chores will be divided and put it in writing.

While this may seem like a lot to worry about, you and your roommates will get along better if

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