



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR HOUSING

Why do I have to pay the entire month when I moved out before the end of the month?

Typical rental leases in the US are on a monthly basis even if you need to leave early. The landlord is reserving your housing for a 3 or 4 month period of time. You are responsible to pay the rent on a monthly (not daily) basis for the entire amount of time you committed to the landlord. Rent is usually due on the first day of each month.

Why can't I move out now, I found something cheaper.

Since you arranged to secure your housing in advance, you are making a legal commitment. If you break this commitment, or leave, you will lose your deposit and risk facing legal action.

Why do I need to pay a cleaning fee?

A cleaning fee is usually required to have professional cleaning of carpets and furniture done after your departure. It is normal to include this type of fee when a property is rented for 3 or more months.

Why do I need to bring linens and towels?

Most housing properties no longer provide this service, due to sheets and towels being stolen or damaged by previous residents.

Why do I need to buy glasses, plates, forks and pots and pans?

If a housing property is not rented as "furnished", it is the tenant's responsibility to purchase or rent some kitchen and general household items. The best and cheapest places to buy these items are a Thrift store or stores called "The Dollar Store".

Why do I need to leave my housing by the date on my DS-2019 form? (Others moving in during overlap program dates)

When your DS-2019 end date passes, you legally cannot work. At that point your travel period begins. We suggest you ask your landlord or host company how long you can stay in your housing after your DS-2019 end date. You may need to pay additional rent if space is available.

Why can't I move into my housing earlier than what it states on my job offer?

There may be other tenants with reservations for your housing property, or the landlord may need to prepare the housing for new tenants before you can move in.

What happens if one of my roommates leaves early, or is asked to leave early, and does not pay the rent for the entire time contracted? How will this affect the weekly rent to other tenants?

You and your other roommates may be asked to pay the rent of the person that left. This is something you will need to ask your landlord. Also see if this information is stated in the lease agreement. Landlords usually expect a certain total amount each week or each month.

If you still have questions, please contact your Outreach Coordinator for help.