



Top 10 Off-Campus Housing Tips!

1. **Know your Rights!** Look into the local by-laws that landlords must abide by to ensure you are renting a legal unit. (Did you know that Brampton has over 4500 registered Two-unit Dwellings?)
2. **Start a checklist** to compare your housing options and what they offer.
3. **Know your budget.** Look for the most financially reasonable option for you and look for roommates to help lower the costs.
4. **Consider who your roommates are** and think about coming up with a roommate agreement.
5. **Make sure to view the unit** before you sign a lease agreement or make a deposit. Also, ask the Landlord questions about the unit to seek clarity on items such as, security deposit, utilities, parking, repairs, guests, lease renewals, and subletting.
6. **Ensure you know proper safety procedures and requirements** (fire prevention safety).
7. **Confused about the lease agreement terms?** Seek assistance before you sign.
8. **Be sure to check Places4students** for postings around campus! This platform also provides subletting options and roommate profiles.
9. **If you are checking other resources (Kijiji, Facebook Marketplace)** make sure to look out for misleading postings and ensure the unit compliant with all local by-laws (see point 1).
10. **Become familiar with important resources like Residential Tenancies Act (RTA), Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB), in case any Landlord related issues occur and Ontario's standard lease agreement.** Google these to find out more!

**Remember to be a Good Neighbour! Follow local by-laws regarding garbage, noise and parking!*

For additional information check out:

Brampton by-law information: www.brampton.ca (search: by-law)

Interactive Registered Dwelling Map: <http://geohub.brampton.ca/pages/apps>

