

# At Home

News and Tips for Residents of Cowboy
Properties Communities
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#### The Roommate Conundrum

Saving money, sharing chores and having companionship are all great reasons to live with a roommate. But living with another person can be difficult even under the best of circumstances. Everyone has different habits and lifestyle preferences, which may be very different from yours. It sounds like a great idea to live with your best friend, but if they love to have friends over every day and you prefer quiet nights at home, your relationship will sour quickly if you can't find a way to respect each other's needs.

When you are looking for a roommate, you want to treat it like an interview and ask a lot of questions to make sure your lifestyles are compatible. Think about what you do want in a roommate, but also what you don't want in a roommate. Locally, KSL.com is a great resource for finding roommates. Other apps and websites include Roomi, Roommates.com, Roomie Match and Roomster.

On The Big Bang Theory TV show, Sheldon Cooper's extensive roommate agreement was regularly mocked, but it <u>can be helpful to get things that you've agreed to in writing</u>, like how utilities and the rent is split and what <u>items or chores you agree to share</u> or keep separate. Discuss what might happen <u>if someone needs to leave early</u>. <u>Communication</u> is key to any good relationship!

## **Counting Down the Holidays**

Looking for a fun way to treat yourself this holiday season? Check out one of these advent calendars featuring a wide range of gifts, including chocolate, makeup, jewelry, toys, coffee, popcorn and socks. Others that we like include this caramel calendar, these makeup, nail polish and perfume calendars from Sephora, drink a new tea flavor every day with this calendar from David's Tea or try their 24 days of matcha, as well as calendars featuring tealights and short stories. World Market also sells several options. Many of these calendars sell out as December gets closer, so put in your order now!

### How Can We Help?

We can't stress enough that we need to hear from you as soon as possible if you are having difficulties keeping up with your rent. We want to do everything we can, within reason, to work with you to find a solution. If you have not paid rent and you have not been in contact with your leasing office to make payment arrangements, you are at risk of being served some type of legal notice. We have started issuing legal notices to folks that have not contacted us, and if you have received a notice it's vital that you speak with us now. We're always here to listen and help you find assistance if needed.

### Covid-19 Update

The state is offering information on mental health resources for those who may be struggling during this time.

Looking for seasonal work? These companies are hiring remote positions now. You can also look for a side gig through the Bacon app, a local company that advertises itself as 'Uber for hourly jobs.'

You may be making plans to travel during the upcoming holidays, the CDC has offered recommendations on how to protect yourself as you travel.

#### Housing, Utilities, and Food Assistance

utahca.org/housing-case-management/ or call (801) 359-2444

211utah.org/ or call 211

residentrelieffoundation.org/our-programs/ or info@residentrelief.org rentrelief.utah.gov

#### <u>Utah Department of Workforce Services</u> Resources

jobs.utah.gov/covid19/ jobs.utah.gov/docs/hotjobs.html

# Food Resources, and Mobile Food Pantry <u>Dates and Locations</u>

slc.gov/sustainability/food-covid/ utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry/