HOW TO MOVE OFF-CAMPUS

THINK ABOUT YOUR BUDGET
- Rent and deposit amount
- Cost of monthly utilities
- Find roommates with a similar budget
- Can you afford to furnish it?
- How do you plan to eat?
- How do you plan to divide rent?

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION
- How far do you want to live from campus?
- Do you want to live in a house or an apartment?
- Do not forget about rain, snow, & heat
- Identify the area of the neighborhood you want to live in
- Think about safety

FIND YOUR PERFECT PLACE
- Visit Places4Students.com for listings
- Look for “for rent” signs and postings on campus and around Evanston
- Attend the ASG Fall and Winter Housing Fairs at Norris
- Start looking for houses in the fall and apartments during winter quarter.

ASK THE LANDLORD
- Is there parking?
- Which utilities are included in the rent?
- Who are the neighbors?
- Will your landlord take care of repairs and maintenance promptly?

UNDERSTAND YOUR LEASE
- Is it a “tenant at will” lease, which permits both you and the landlord to terminate the lease with 30 day notice?
- Is it an individual or a joint lease? If your roommates fail to pay, are you responsible?
- How and when does the landlord expect rent to be paid?

INSPECT THE RESIDENCE
- Walk through the property before signing
- Record property conditions in the Property Checklist available on our website
- Take and email pictures to the landlord to avoid unnecessary costs when moving out

AS A TENANT
- Make a plan for paying utility bills and other shared costs.
- Establish ground rules with your roommates regarding guests, cleaning, and sharing items.

STAY INVOLVED
- Check Northwestern calendar of events: planitpurple.northwestern.edu
- Like “NU Off-Campus Life” on Facebook
- Don’t miss events for off-campus students on northwestern.edu/offcampus

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