HOW TO MOVE OFF-CAMPUS

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• 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

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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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