

# Townhouse Allowable Appliances

## Why don't we allow appliances in residence bedrooms?

Food prep appliances are not permitted in any residence bedroom. Due to a history of problems, including fire alarms and overloaded breakers associated with students cooking and using other appliances in residence bedrooms, there is now a restriction on what students can have in residence.

Only students in **Townhouse** style Residences (Quarry View and Village) are permitted to bring cooking and food preparation appliances and these must be stored and used in kitchens only. Townhouse students must purchase an all-access meal plan with the option to reduce down to a 5-day plan. For more information on Meal Plans click [here](#).

All students are permitted to bring one personal fridge for their residence bedroom that meets "Allowable fridge" specifications outlined in the Bedroom Allowable Appliances document [here](#). Aside from one mini-fridge per student, no other appliances are allowed in bedroom space.

## Why can't I have a fridge with a separate freezer in my room?

Compact personal fridges with separate freezer compartments require more power to keep the freezer at the proper temperature, which increases the likelihood of overloading breakers. Furthermore, in the event of a power outage, breaker issue, or if a fridge is unplugged, there is a higher volume of ice that may cause a flood in the bedroom causing possible damage to flooring. This problem is less likely to occur with single door units.

## **Fridge and Freezer Rentals are now available at Brock!!**

Fridges and freezers can now be rented by students through [COLDEX](#). This new partnership allows students a much easier transition in and out of residence with Coldex delivering units prior to move in and picking up fridges/freezers when you move out!!

## What does the Residence Community Standards (RCS) say about Fire Safety?

Students are expected to ensure that their living environment is safe and free from life safety hazards. This includes not overloading plugs, using CSA/UL approved power bars and extension cords, using the approved appliances only in approved locations, ensuring that items such as curling irons/wands or hair straighteners are unplugged when not in use and laptops are not left on and on bedding or other fabric furniture.

If there is continued use of non-CSA/UL products that result in fire safety issues or overloaded breakers, students may be subject to a nuisance charge. Items may also be confiscated at the discretion of the Housing Services and Facilities Management Staff.

## What happens if a non-allowable item is found in my room/unit?

Infractions are dealt with through a variety of mechanisms depending on the severity of the incident. See the [RCS](#) under Administration & Enforcement of Residence Community Standards for more detail.

# Allowable Power Bars & Extension Cords

## For Townhouse Common Areas

*~The following items are permitted in the shared space of the Townhouse style residences~*

### How do I know if my power bar/extension cord is CSA/UL approved?

Look for the Canadian Standards Association or the Underwriters Laboratories logo (UL)



### Safety tips when using extension cords and power bars:

#### Extension Cords

- DO NOT connect multiple extension cords together.
- If using an extension cord with larger appliances, make sure the appropriate extension cord is used (heavier gauge cord required for larger appliances). If possible, plug larger appliances into a surge suppressor power bar.
- Always check the cord: if it has damage or is hot to the touch **DO NOT USE IT.**
- Never run a cord under a rug or mat. It prevents the cord from releasing heat and could lead to a fire.

#### Power Bars

- We recommend the use of surge suppressor power bars to protect your equipment and appliances from any surges in power (see above pictures).
- DO NOT purchase power bars that are not CSA approved, they do not meet these safety standards (see above pictures for logo in CSA approved surge suppressors). Dollar store products will not suffice.
- Ensure you are not overloading the power bar. Only plug in a few small items at one time (i.e. computer, cell phone charger, desk lamp).
- Use a surge suppressor power bar when plugging in larger appliances instead of plugging them directly into an outlet.
- Use one surge suppressor power bar per large appliance to avoid overloading

Housing Services reserves the right to inspect any appliance for safety reasons and ask for them to be removed based on their age, condition and/or electricity consumption.

# Allowable Appliances

## For Townhouse Common Areas

~The following items are permitted in the *shared space* of the Townhouse style residences~

### Fridges / Freezers

Students are permitted to bring small freezers (maximum size of 7 cubic feet) in townhouse residences **ONLY**. Freezers are to be kept in the kitchen, front vestibule or storage area **on non-carpeted surfaces only** as this will prevent damage to flooring if it stops functioning. Only one freezer is permitted per townhouse.



Freezer under 7  
cubic feet  
(picture above is  
5 cubic feet)

Fridge/Freezer Combo  
No bigger than 5 cubic feet.  
No taller than 50"  
\*Only allowable as "freezer" in unit,  
not personal fridge in bedroom



Too Big!  
Must be 7 cubic  
feet or less

Click [here](#) for more  
information on the  
fridge/freezer  
rental program  
with COLDEX!!

### Did you know your freezer must be placed in...

- The storage room (*cannot block/cover hatch door*)
- The kitchen/dining room area (*non-carpeted surfaces*)
- The front vestibule (*cannot block any doors*)

### Please consider the following when placing your freezer:

- Place close to an outlet, to avoid running extension cords in an unsafe manner
- If you have to run an extension cord, follow the guidelines in the "Power Bar & Extension Cord" section and do not cover/block vents or run under mats.
- Ensure that if you do use an extension cord, it is CSA approved and the proper gauge for the freezer size.
- Always use surge suppressor power bars to protect appliances/equipment.

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# Allowable Appliances

## For Townhouse Common Areas

*~The following items are only permitted in the kitchen area of Townhouse style residences~*

### Kitchen Appliances

Residents must store and use cooking appliances in **kitchens only**.

Newly renovated Courts 7,8,9 and 12 in Village are not equipped with stove/ovens.



No Open  
Flame



No Immersion Deep  
Fryers



No Hot  
Plates



Note: this is not an exclusive list. These are examples to follow when selecting appliances for townhouse kitchens. Any appliance with an open element, flame or oil for deep frying is NOT permitted in Residence.

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# BBQ's and Combustible Fuels

## For Townhouses Only

### Residents must store and use all combustible fuels and barbeques outside.

Due to space and weather limitations, as well as restrictions on combustible fuels in and around residence, the use of barbeques and other cooking equipment that require combustible fuels is discouraged and in some cases prohibited (i.e. fondue sets).

If brought, BBQs and combustible fuel containers/combustible fuels must be:

- 🔥 Stored and used outdoors at a minimum of 10 meters away from any residence building
- 🔥 Tagged with owners information (i.e. full name and unit number)
- 🔥 Removed from campus by November 1<sup>st</sup> due to inclement weather and University snow clearing procedures.
- 🔥 Kept clean and properly maintained at all times.

If any of the above conditions are not met, University Staff may remove any BBQs or combustible fuel containers/combustible fuels. All items that are stored outside are done so at the owner's own risk. Housing Services is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items.

### COMBUSTIBLE FUELS



### BBQ'S & GRILLS



*Looking for details on what furnishings you can have in residence? See the listing of Allowable Furnishings (with pictures) on our website at <https://brocku.ca/residence/important-information/rules-and-regulations/allowable-furnishings/>.*

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