

Townhouse Allowable Furnishings

Room Alterations (Residence Community Standards - Administrative Infraction)

Students are not permitted to alter their residences in any way, including but not limited to: painting, wallpapering, installing shelves, hooks, mounts or removing window treatments. Students are not permitted to repair their own drywall nor install additional window treatments. Any furniture in addition to that provided by Brock is not permitted. The only exceptions to the furnishings rule are for specific items that are of an organizational nature (e.g. a small shelf or storage unit) and those items must be made of metal or plastic. This document lists allowable furnishings (with pictures) in this document for Townhouse style residence common areas.

Students who cause damage to their room, unit or common space due to any alterations will be responsible for the costs associated with the damages incurred. Click [here](#) for more information related to additional repair/cleaning costs.

Why am I only allowed to bring certain items?

- Your room/unit is already fully furnished. This means you don't have the costs associated with buying new furniture and the hassle of trying to figure out what will fit in the space you have. Furniture can also be heavy / difficult to move with potential to cause damage.
- Bringing in additional/oversized furniture can clutter the space and become a fire hazard. It increases the fire load and can pose difficulties with evacuation in emergencies.
- Bringing in used or "found" furniture can bring unwanted pest control issues into the residence.
- These proactive steps help us to keep our residences safe, clean, and pest free.

Why don't we allow "wood"/fabric furnishings brought in from outside Residence?

Wood and fabric furniture are often difficult to keep clean. They also have many seams and joints that can hide unwanted pests (like bed bugs). We maintain our Brock furniture and sanitize all mattresses and fabrics (like couches and carpets) to ensure there are no pest issues and furniture is properly cleaned prior to your arrival.

What is considered "wood"?

When we say wood, we are also referring to laminates and pressboard. Their designs and uses are similar to that of wood.

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.

Allowable Furnishings

For Townhouse Common Areas

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

Shelf Unit (Plastic or Metal)

- Shelf unit cannot be affixed to walls or surfaces. Maximum of 5 shelves, and cannot be to a height that is determined unsafe by Housing Facilities Staff. Unit must be assembled in a safe/secure manner.
- Can be used in the kitchen, vestibule, living room, or storage area only.
- Ensure basement hatch access door and vents are not blocked/covered by shelving.



TV Stand (Metal)

- Must be open/no cupboards or drawers, and must be used in the living room area only



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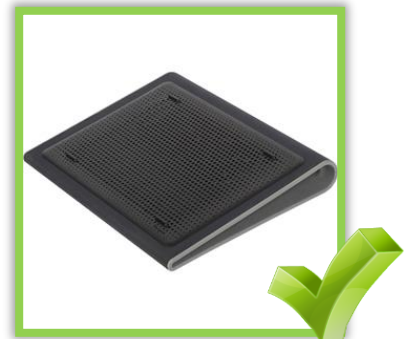
~The following items are permitted in the shared space of the Townhouse style residences~

Fold Up Table (Vinyl, Plastic or Metal)

- Max 34"W x 34"L x 35"T
- Limit of one table per unit
- Must be able to fold up
- rectangular tables 4 feet and above not permitted



Plastic fold up TV tray (no wood)



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For Townhouse Common Areas

*~The following items are permitted to be stored in common areas but **used outside**~*

Chairs for Outdoor Use Only

- Max of 5 per townhouse (must be stored in vestibule or storage room)
- Not to be used as extra seating for inside the house



No WOOD



No SEAT CUSHIONS



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Plastic / Metal End Tables

- Max 22" L x 22" W x 22" H
- No cupboards or drawers



No WOOD



Allowable Organizational Items

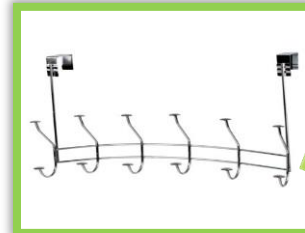
For Townhouse Common Areas

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

Coat Rack (Metal or Plastic) / Non-Adhesive Hooks

- Must stand on its own; cannot be affixed to a surface (bedroom doors included)
- We do not allow plastic adhesive hooks and other adhesive mounts as they result in billable damage to walls. Please use Brock provided poster mounts free of charge to avoid damage.

NOTE: Over the door metal or plastic hangers can only be used on closet/bathroom doors. Please be aware that they may remove paint from frames/doors. Protect surface underneath to avoid painting charges for scratched paint.



Can only be hung on wardrobes/in closets



Single over door hook only permitted over **bathroom door**

Shoe Rack (Metal or Plastic)

- Cannot be affixed to a surface or placed over bedroom or fire door.



Hanging shoe racks must be hung in closets not bedroom doors or fire doors and made of metal/plastic only



No fabric or pockets



No DOORS



No Wood



Allowable Organizational Items

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

Vinyl Storage Cubes (cannot be fabric) / Stools

- Single only; max size of 40cm x 40cm x 40cm or 15 5/8" x 15 5/8" x 15 5/8"



NO FABRIC
STOOLS /
OTTOMANS
PERMITTED



Plastic/Metal Storage Drawers/File Cabinet

- Max 15.25" L x 21.88" W x 31.88" H



NO WOOD, NO WICKER,
NO FABRIC

Looking for details on what appliances you can have in residence? See the listing of Allowable Appliances (with pictures) on our website at <http://www.brocku.ca/residence/buildings/allowable-appliances>.