

Bedroom Allowable Appliances

To reduce the likelihood of fire alarms, overloaded breakers and plumbing issues, only select appliances are permitted in residence bedrooms.

All students are permitted to bring one personal fridge for their residence bedroom that meets the specifications outlined in this document.

Aside from a small fridge, food prep and cooking appliances are not permitted in any residence bedroom. Residence students have a full access meal plan, reducing the need for cooking and food preparation in residence rooms.

Microwaves and kettles are provided in all Traditional and Semi-Suite lounges for student use. Students are also encouraged to reach out to the Dining Services Dietician to discuss allergies/dietary restrictions. The Dietician can provide options within the dining halls, thus reducing the need for students to prepare food on their own.

Only students in Townhouse style residences are permitted to bring cooking and food preparation appliances, however these must be stored and used only in kitchens. A list of allowable kitchen appliances for Townhouse students is available online at brocku.ca/housing.

This document contains pictures and descriptions of examples of acceptable appliances for all residence bedrooms.

Why can't I have a fridge with a separate freezer in my residence bedroom?

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. Freezer compartments also increase the risk of water leaking and causing damage to flooring.

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 approved appliances only in approved locations, ensuring that items such as curling irons/wands or hair straighteners are unplugged when not in use and that laptops are not left on bedding or other fabric furniture.

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 details.



Power Bars and Extension Cords

All power bars and extension cords used in residence must be approved by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

Look for a safety label on the appliance that includes one of the below symbols.



Any power bar or extension cord that does not have one of these logos is not approved for use in residence.

Tips for using extension cords and power bars:

Extension Cords

- Do not connect multiple extension cords
- Ensure the cord is appropriate for the appliance (i.e. larger appliances may require a larger gauge extension cord)
- Plug larger appliances and electronics into a surge protector
- Always check the cord. If there is damage or it is hot to the touch, do not use it
- Do not use extension cords purchased from the dollar store as they don't meet safety standards
- Never run a cord under a rug or mat as this can lead to overheating and risk of fire

Power Bars

- Surge protector power bars are strongly recommended to help protect your appliances and equipment
- Do not use power bars purchased from the dollar store as they don't meet safety standards
- Do not overload the power bar. Only plug a few items in at a time.
- Use one surge protector power bar per large appliance to avoid overloading

If there is continued use of non-CSA/UL products that results 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.



Compact Refrigerators

No freezer compartment

The following fridges are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite and Townhouse style residence bedrooms.

Additional Information

- 1 fridge per student
- Maximum 5 cubic ft. capacity
- Single door, no separate freezer
- Fridge must not block bedroom door access
- Fridge rentals available through COLDEX. Visit coldexrents.com for information and pricing



No two-door models



No freezer compartment



No stand-alone freezers





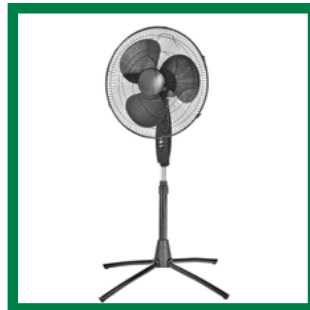
Fans

No heaters or dual hot+cold fans

The following fans are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite and Townhouse style residence bedrooms.

Additional Information

- Residence bedrooms and common spaces are heated and air conditioned
- Fans are permitted, however heaters and dual hot+cold fans are not
- Space heaters and electric fireplaces are not permitted
- Space in bedrooms is limited, so compact appliances are recommended



No hot+cold fans



No space heaters



Other Appliances

The following appliances are permitted in Traditional, Semi-Suite and Townhouse style residence bedrooms.

Additional Information

- No food preparation or cooking appliances permitted in bedrooms
- Diffusers, plug-in air fresheners and small humidifiers are permitted
- Wax burners/warmers (candle, plug-in or corded) and candle warmers are not permitted
- Space in bedrooms is limited, so compact appliances are recommended



No wax warming function



Wax burners/warmers (electric or candle)

