

Townhouse Kitchen Allowable Appliances

Only students in Townhouse style residences are permitted to bring cooking and food preparation appliances and these must be used and stored in kitchen areas only. No food prep or cooking appliances are permitted in any residence bedroom.

A list of allowable bedroom appliances is available at brocku.ca/housing.

To reduce the risk of fire, and overloaded breakers only select appliances are permitted in residence bedrooms.

All Townhouse units come equipped with a standard sized fridge and microwave in the kitchen/kitchenette area. Some Townhouse units include a stove/oven while others do not.

This document contains pictures and descriptions of examples of acceptable food prep and cooking appliances for Townhouse residences. Note that this is not an exhaustive list. 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.

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 leaving kitchen appliances unattended while in use, 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 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.



Refrigerators and Freezers

For shared spaces only

The following fridges and freezers are permitted in the shared space inside Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- All Townhouse units come equipped with a standard fridge in the kitchen
- Students are permitted one compact fridge (maximum 5 cubic ft. capacity) in their bedroom. See Allowable Bedroom Appliances on brocku.ca/housing for more information.
- Compact free-standing freezers (maximum 7 cubic ft. capacity) are permitted in non-carpeted areas in the kitchen, front vestibule or storage area only
- Appliances must not block doors, vents or hatches
- Use a CSA/ULC approved extension cord and surge protector power bar
- Only one freezer per townhouse unit



Too large



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No separate freezer





Cooking and Food Prep

No open heating element, flame or deep frying

The following cooking and food prep appliances are permitted in the shared space inside Townhouse residences.

Additional Information

- Food prep and cooking appliances are not permitted in residence bedrooms
- Appliances should never be left unattended when in use
- Use CSA/UL approved power bars and extension cords do not overload outlets and power bars
- Ensure appliances are properly cleaned to avoid triggering smoke detectors
- Counter and storage space within residences is limited, so compact appliances are recommended





Cooking and Food Prep

No open heating element, flame or deep frying

The following cooking and food prep appliances are NOT permitted in the shared space inside Townhouse residences.

Additional Information

- Appliances with exposed flame or exposed heating elements are not permitted
- Deep fryers are not permitted
- Camp stoves and barbecues are permitted outside Townhouse residences only. See page 7 for details.



No flame



No deep fryers





Beverage Appliances

The following beverage appliances are permitted in the shared space inside Townhouse residences.

Additional Information

- Beverage appliances are not permitted in residence bedrooms
- Use CSA/UL approved power bars and extension cords
- Do not overload outlets and power bars
- Counter and storage space within residences is limited, so compact appliances are recommended





Barbecues and Combustible Fuels

Not permitted

Combustible fuels and the use of barbecues, grills and camp stoves (electric, propane or charcoal) are NOT permitted in or outside of residence buildings.

