

Townhouse Common Area Allowable Furnishings

Students are not permitted to alter their residence bedroom, unit or common spaces in any way, including but not limited to: painting, wallpapering, installing shelves, hooks or mounts, or removing window treatments. Students are not permitted to repair their own drywall or install additional window treatments.

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. More information related to cleaning and repair charges can be found on the Brock Housing Services website.

This document contains pictures and descriptions of examples of acceptable furnishings for shared spaces within Townhouse style residences.

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 and difficult to move with the potential to cause damage.
- Bringing in additional furniture or oversized items 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 result in pest control issues in residence.
- These proactive steps help us to keep our residences safe, clean, and pest-free.

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

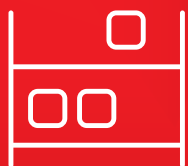
Wood and fabric furniture is often difficult to keep clean. They also have many seams and joints that can hide unwanted pests such as bed bugs). We maintain our Brock furniture and sanitize all mattresses and fabrics (like couches and carpets) to ensure there are no pest issues and furniture is properly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

What is considered "wood"?

When we say wood, we are also referring to laminates, pressboard and MDF. Their designs and uses are similar to that of wood. Flat pack furniture, such as that sold at IKEA, is often made of pressboard/MDF and would be considered a wood product.

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. Refer to the Residence Community Standards RCS under Administration & Enforcement of Residence Community Standards.



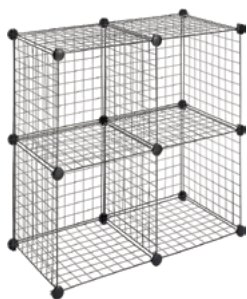
Shelf Units and TV Stands

Metal or Plastic

The following shelf units and TV stands are permitted in the shared space inside of Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- 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
- TV stands must be metal and must be used in the living room area only



Metal



Plastic



Metal



No wood





Storage Drawers and File Cabinets

Metal or Plastic

The following shelf units, storage drawers and file cabinets are permitted in the shared space inside of Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- **Maximum size:**
15.25 in. L x 21.88 in. W x 31.88 in. H
- Units cannot be affixed to the walls or other surfaces in the room
- Units should be assembled in a secure manner and pose no risk of tipping
- No wood, laminate, pressboard, MDF or wicker permitted



Plastic



Plastic and metal



Metal



No laminated pressboard



No wood elements





Tables and TV Trays

Vinyl, Plastic or Metal

The following tables and TV trays are permitted in the shared space inside of the Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- **Maximum size:**
34 in. W x 34 in. L x 35 in. T
- Limit of one table per unit
- Must be able to fold up
- Rectangular tables must be less than 4 ft. long
- Plastic and metal only - no wood, pressboard or MDF permitted



Metal



Plastic



Plastic



Must be able to fold



Too big



No wood





End Tables

Metal or Plastic

The following end tables are permitted in the shared space of Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- **Maximum size:**
22 in. L x 22 in. W x 22 in. H
- No wood, laminate, pressboard, MDF or wicker
- Space is limited so compact and/or foldable furniture is highly recommended



Metal



Plastic



No laminate



No wood elements



No wicker





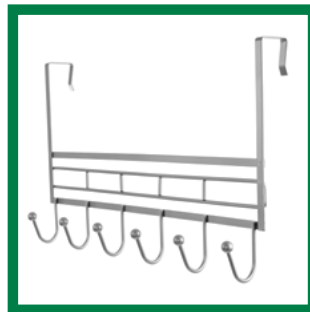
Coat Racks and Non-Adhesive Hooks

Metal or Plastic

The following coat racks and non-adhesive hooks are permitted in the shared space inside of Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- Cannot be affixed to a surface (bedroom doors included)
- Must be made of plastic or metal
- Plastic adhesive hooks and mounts such as Command Strips are **not permitted** as they result in billable damage to the walls. **Please use poster mounts provided by Brock to avoid damage.**
- Metal or plastic over-the-door hangers can only be used on closet or bathroom doors



Cannot be affixed to the walls or doors





Shoe Racks

Metal or Plastic

The following shoe racks/organizers are permitted in the shared space inside of Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- Metal or plastic only. No wood or fabric
- Organizers cannot be affixed to a surface or wall, or placed over bedroom doors or fire doors
- Over-the-door hanging shoe organizers **can only be hung in closets** and must be made of metal or plastic



Plastic



Metal

In closet only



No wood



No pressboard





Ottomans

No fabric

The following ottomans are permitted in the shared space of Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- **Maximum size:**
15.63 in. L x 15.63 in. W x 15.63 in. H
- No fabric, wood or wicker permitted
- Space is limited so compact, movable furniture is highly recommended



Vinyl



Leather



Plastic



No fabric



No wicker





Outdoor Chairs

The following chairs are permitted to be stored in common areas but only used outside of Townhouse style residences.

Additional Information

- Maximum of 5 outdoor chairs per unit
- Must be stored in vestibule or storage area
- Not to be used as extra seating for inside the house
- No wood
- No fabric seat cushions



Plastic



Metal



Metal and Canvas



Metal and Mesh

