

Preparing your space for homesharing

Sometimes making space for something or someone new takes some help. Here are a few services to get you started cleaning and preparing your space for homesharing.



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Lilly's Organizing provides virtual one-to-one organization services and the option for in-home expertise that will travel anywhere in the contiguous US.

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For handyman projects of all sizes with flexible timeframes as soon as today, TaskRabbit is here to help. Find a Tasker in your city to assist with home repairs, moving items, furniture assembly and more.

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Need to get your home ready for listing photos or free up space for a housemate? Downsizing to move into a shared home? 1-800-JUNK is available nationwide to provide full-service cleanout and moving assistance.

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[Recommended Read: Keep the Memories, Lose the Stuff](#)

The latest book from expert Matt Paxton is a treatise on downsizing and decluttering to take control of your life.

Preparing yourself for homesharing

Annamarie Pluhar literally wrote the book on homesharing. She hosts a range of online courses to help prepare for homesharing and how to navigate healthy housemate relationships.



[Sharing Housing | Homesharing 101](#)

This course walks homesharers through each step of the process from a firsthand perspective and provides a map for how to interview and vet potential housemates.

Handling rent payments

Handling rent payments each month can be a pain. We recommend setting up online payments or autopay with your housemate to avoid tracking down checks each month. Here are a few recommended online payment providers you can use to make the homesharing experience smoother.

Zelle

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[Zelle](#) allows you and your housemate to exchange funds directly to and from your bank accounts, even if they bank somewhere different than you do. It's also very easy to use.

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[Venmo](#) allows you to pay and get paid by linking your bank account or credit card to your Venmo mobile app.

PayPal

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[PayPal](#) allows you to send and receive money through your desktop or the PayPal mobile app.

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In addition to scheduling automated transfers for rent, [WellPaid](#) allows you and your housemate to track expenses and split bills for things like cable, utilities and even non-recurring payments like groceries or home supplies.

Scam alert! Never agree to pay for a deposit or rent without signing a lease or homesharing agreement and without meeting and touring a home first.

Renters insurance

It is important for any renter to purchase renters insurance to cover their belonging and to protect against liability for damage they might accidentally cause to a property. Nearly all major insurance providers (State Farm, Nationwide, etc.) offer renters insurance.

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[Lemonade](#) offers hassle-free renters and homeowners insurance. Lemonade is a fully licensed and regulated insurance company, which means that they underwrite, price and sell policies, as well as handling and paying claims. Lemonade policies are primarily sold through their [website](#) or [mobile app](#). Renters insurance starts at as low as \$5/month.