

Residence Hall Compost Program Roommate Agreement

University of Iowa

Thank you for your interest in the UI Residence Hall Compost Program. The UI Office of Sustainability and University Housing & Dining are pleased to coordinate this program to support you in living a more sustainable lifestyle while living on-campus.

Please review this Agreement and sign below to confirm that you understand your participation and responsibilities to assist in the success of the Program.

A PARTICIPANT is someone who agrees to take responsibility for managing the compost bucket. This includes collecting compostable materials in the bucket, ensuring the compost is not contaminated with non-compostable materials, taking the compost to a drop-off site at least once-per-week, maintaining the compost bucket to prevent pests and odors, and returning the compost bucket at the end of the year (or upon termination of the program).

A ROOMMATE is someone who lives in the room with the PARTICIPANT, but does not want to take on the responsibilities of a PARTICIPANT.

Who is going to be a PARTICIPANT?

Who is going to be a ROOMMATE?

The following items must be agreed upon by both the PARTICIPANT(S) and the ROOMMATE(S):

- The PARTICIPANT(S) and ROOMMATE(S) are to come to an agreement on whether ROOMMATE will utilize the compost bucket. The ROOMMATE(S) may utilize the compost bucket only if the PARTICIPANT(S) agrees to manage the ROOMMATE(S) compost as their own.
 - **The PARTICIPANT(S) AND ROOMMATE(S) AGREE TO (circle your answer):**
 - We will allow the ROOMMATE(S) to utilize the compost bucket
 - We will NOT allow the ROOMMATE(S) to utilize the compost bucket
- The PARTICIPANT(S) and ROOMMATE(S) are to come to an agreement on whether the compost bucket shall be stored in the room refrigerator. It is recommended that the compost bucket be refrigerated to minimize pests and odors, but this must be agreed upon by the PARTICIPANT(S) and ROOMMATE(S).
 - **The PARTICIPANT(S) AND ROOMMATE(S) AGREE TO (circle your answer):**
 - We will keep the compost bucket in the refrigerator
 - We will NOT keep the compost bucket in the refrigerator

The following items must also be agreed upon by both the PARTICIPANT(S) and the ROOMMATE(S):

- The PARTICIPANT(S) and ROOMMATE(S) are to adhere to the strict guidelines of placing only the acceptable compostable items outlined in the “What To Compost” sticker provided on the bucket.
- The PARTICIPANT(S) is solely responsible for delivering compostable items in the collection bucket to the designated drop-off location **weekly**.
- If PARTICIPANT(S) is unable to deliver items during the designated scheduled times (see <https://sustainability.uiowa.edu/initiatives/recycling/composting/compost-dropoff-sites> for locations and hours of operation) it is the sole responsibility of the PARTICIPANT(S) to manage the compost bucket in order to minimize pests and odors. PARTICIPANT may choose to dispose of the items in the landfill bin in their trash room.
- The PARTICIPANT(S) is solely responsible for ensuring the compost bucket is empty and clean during any extended absence (e.g., winter break, spring break).
- The compost buckets are the sole property of the University of Iowa. The PARTICIPANT must return the bucket, in clean and working condition, upon service completion/termination.
- The PARTICIPANT(S) may terminate their agreement at any time. PARTICIPANT(S) are to provide a written notice of termination to the Office of Sustainability so that the end date is clearly defined.
- The ROOMMATE(S) may submit a complaint about the compost bucket at any time. All complaints are to be submitted to the RA.

RESIDENCE HALL

ROOM NUMBER

DATE

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

NAME (PRINT)

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NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

*Please return the signed form to:
Recycling Coordinator, recycle@uiowa.edu or bring to the Office of Sustainability, 1650 UCC*