

Things to Consider Before Moving Off-Campus...

- Once you move off campus to live with a private landlord, you may not move back into Longwood-managed housing.
- Most area landlords have 12 month leases, please consider this if you plan to study abroad, student teach, have an internship away from town or plan to graduate in December.
- Make sure you are prepared for the financial differences between living in Longwood-managed housing and living off campus with a private landlord. Many leases require a security deposit and one month's rent in advance of move-in. Utility companies typically also require a deposit for new customers.
- Discuss your living situation with your future roommate(s) before signing a lease. Once a lease is signed, you and your roommate are contractually obligated and it will be harder to move if there is a roommate conflict.
- Consider your transportation capacities and needs, either via local public transportation or private automobile.
- Determine what you do and do not want in a rental concerning amenities, location, security and other aspects.
- Regardless of where you live, you will want to have renter's insurance. Check your family's homeowner's policy to determine if your contents are covered in a private rental. You are strongly encouraged to have renter's insurance to protect your contents.
- If you choose to have a pet off campus, please check your lease for any size and number restrictions. You will also want to discuss any pet deposit costs with your landlord.