

and one whole month's rent for periods of less than nine months. Most agencies charge 15% for longer sublets. Four brokers and one service currently specializing in sublets:

- **Apartment Placement Services**, 575 Lexington Ave, 4th Flr, 212-572-9609, specializes in short-term furnished sublets and unfurnished prime lease rentals for a fee; also places young professionals in shared apartments throughout the city. Call for an appointment.
- **Gamut Realty Group, Inc.**, 15 E 57th St, 800-437-8353 or 212-879-4229, on the web at [www.gamutnyc.com](http://www.gamutnyc.com).
- **New York Habitat**, 307 Seventh Ave, Ste 306, 212-255-8018, on the web at [www.nyhabitat.com](http://www.nyhabitat.com); specializes in sublets, short-term and long-term rentals, a no-fee service.
- **Prudential Douglas Elliman Rental and Relocation Division**, 3 E 54th St, 212-645-4040, [www.elliman.com](http://www.elliman.com).
- **Senter Sublet**, 510 Madison Ave, 212-572-0762, [www.sentersublets.com](http://www.sentersublets.com), call for appointment.
- **Bulletin boards** in large buildings, bars, or other neighborhood locations. Large apartment complexes have waiting lists for rental apartments the proverbial block long. However, leaseholders arrange sublets directly and occasionally post notices on community bulletin boards. Check with the management of these big units to see if they have a central sublet source.
- **In-house publications** tend to be a better source of sublets than of rentals.

### SHARING

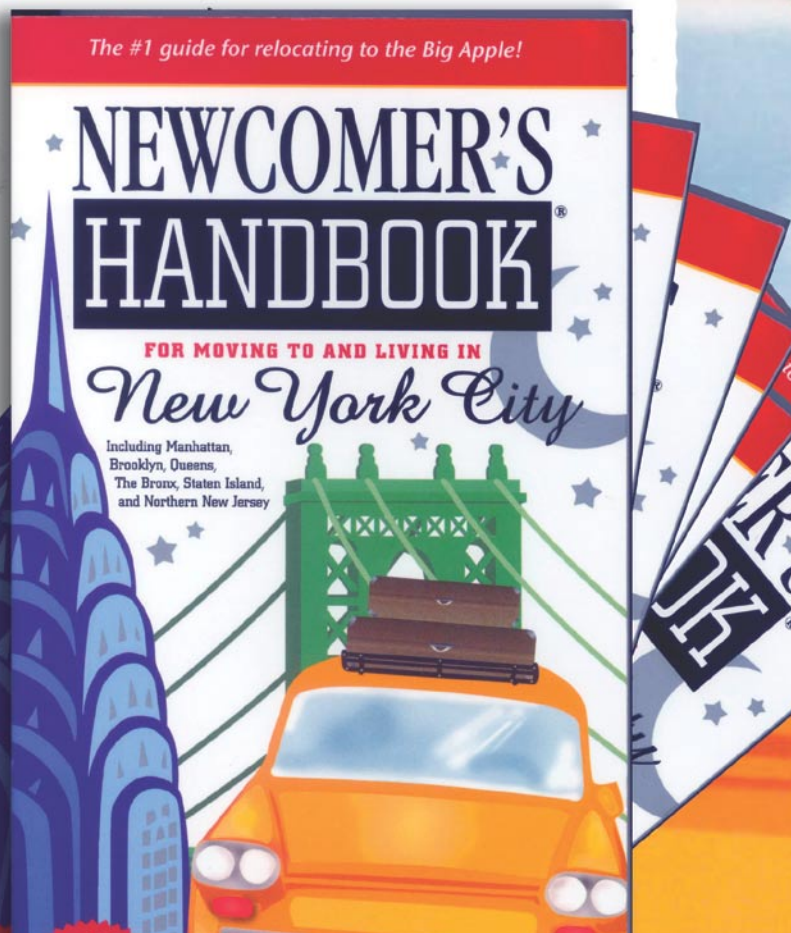
One of the best solutions to high housing costs, particularly for young, single people, is an apartment-share. But if you are just arriving in the city and don't know anyone, you may not have anyone to share with. If networking with old college buddies fails to turn up anything, your best bet is probably the newspapers or a roommate-finding service.

To find a room in someone else's apartment check the *Times* ads under "Apartments to Share," and the *Voice's* "Shares." Some leaseholders prefer to have roommates pre-screened and list with agencies that arrange apartment shares for a flat fee up front. Reputations ebb and flow; we can't guarantee satisfaction. But if you want to investigate this option, two of the firms in Manhattan are:

- **Roommate Finders**, 253 W 72nd St, Ste 1711, 212-362-0111, [roommatefinders.com](http://roommatefinders.com); open Monday-Friday noon to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. For the \$300 fee, the client, a registration sheet covering personal habits and preferences, and specifications in a half-hour interview, is given in

prospective apartments and/or roommates. You can call daily for new listings for up to one year, and if you find your own roommate or apartment, you are entitled to a 50% refund. Listing is free.

- **New York Habitat**, 307 Seventh Ave, Ste 306, 212-255-8018, [www.nyhabitat.com](http://www.nyhabitat.com); open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This firm, which also handles sublets and rentals, charges the renter only when he/she agrees to rent an apartment share. The fee, a minimum of 30% of one month's rent, maximum of 15% of one year's rent, is based on length of stay.



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