

Before You Begin

Take a look at your college's web site for what's included in the room.

The web site will also tell you what you cannot bring, such as halogen lights and certain refrigerators.

What to Leave

• Cooking Devices

Toaster, hot pot, coffee maker.

• VHS Machine

Do people really need tapes?

• Your Social Security Card & Birth Certificate

Dorm rooms flood and catch fire. Keep the important documents at home.

• Dictionaries & Thesauruses

You'll probably use it three times. If you need to use one, visit Dictionary.com.

• Pets

Get comfortable with your room, then discuss it with your roommate.

Clothing

- Athletic shoes
- Baseball cap
- Bathrobe
- Coat
- Casual Shoes
- Favorite T-shirts
- Gloves or mittens
- Winter Hat
- Jackets
 - Light for cool weather
 - Heavy for cold
- Jeans
- Jewelry
- Khakis
- Pajamas
- Pantyhose and/or tights
- Purses
- Flip flops for shower
- Scarf
- Shorts
- Socks and underwear
- Sunglasses
- Sweaters
- Swimming Suit
- Watch

Furnishings

- Area carpet for your room
- Blankets or comforters
- Cork bulletin board
- Mattress pad
- Photos of family and friends
- Posters for your walls
- Message Board & Markers

Finances

- ATM card
- Cash
- Checkbook
- Credit or Debit card
- Quarters for doing laundry
- Driver's license or state ID

Staying Organized

- Address book
- Backpack
- Basket for shower items
- Bicycle and bicycle lock
- Blank CDs/DVDs
- Calendar
- Clothes pins (multiple uses)
- Closet organizer
- Coat hangers
- Daily planner
- Drying rack for clothes you don't want to put in the dryer
- Envelopes
- Extra car key
- Garbage bags
- Glue and/or super glue
- Ice scrapers
- Laundry bag
- Light bulbs
- Makeup holder/case
- Padlock or combination lock
 - for the gym
 - for your dresser
- Plastic crates for storage
- Stationery and stamps
- Wastebasket

Dishes & Food

- Can opener
- Coffee cup or mug
- Plates & silverware
- Cups & storage containers
- Dishwashing liquid
- Bottled water
- Microwave
- Paper towels & napkins
- Plastic wrap
- Ramen noodles
- Self-sealing plastic bags
- Small refrigerator
- Stockpile of snacks
- Water bottle

Building a Dorm Room Toolkit

College requires being resourceful. Build a kit and be prepared.

- A Plastic Box with...
 - Swiss army knife
 - Duct tape
 - Electrical tape
 - Masking tape
 - Medical tape
 - Scotch tape
 - Tape measure
 - Flashlight
 - Hammer
 - Nails & Screws
 - Flat head screwdriver
 - Phillips screwdriver
 - Needle nose pliers
 - Self-stick adhesive
 - Tacks

Building a Car Kit

If you're fortunate to take a car to school, build a kit for repairs and breakdowns.

- Flashlight
- Emergency tire inflator
- Jumper Cables
- Blanket
- Newspaper or Magazine

Study Aids

- Binders, Folders & Notebooks
- Calculator
- Calendar
- Highlighter pens (multi-colored)
- 3 Hole punch
- Loose-leaf paper
- Markers or colored pencils
- Note cards
- Organizer or daily planner
- Pencils & Pens
- Post-it Notes
- Rubber bands
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Stapler, staples & staple remover
- Writer's guide or grammar book

Electric

- Alarm clock
- Answering machine
- Batteries
- Cable cord for television
- Cell phone
- Computer
- Cordless phone
- Extension cords (at least 3)
- Fan
- Flashlight
- Headphones
- Lamp for your desk
- Lamp for your bed
- Personal stereo and favorite CDs
- Printer, ink, and printer paper
- Surge protector or power strip
- Three-prong adaptors
- TV/DVD player and movies
- Gaming console

Personal Files

- Bus/plane schedules
- Class schedule
- Medical insurance card

Personal Care

- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- Broom or vacuum cleaner
- Brush and comb
- Bug repellent
- Chapstick
- Contact lens care products
- Cotton swabs
- Curling iron
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Extra eyeglasses or contacts
- Eye drops
- Fabreeze
- Face wash
- Feminine care products
- First aid kit
- Fragrance or cologne
- Grease Lightning Cleaner
- Hair dryer
- Hairspray or gel
- Hair ties, bobby pins
- Laundry detergent and stain stick
- Lotion
- Makeup & makeup mirror
- Nail clippers and file
- Nail polish remover
- Pillow
- Birthday cards & thank you cards
- Prescription medications
- Razor & shaving cream
- Rubbing alcohol or peroxide
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Sheets and pillowcases
- Soap or shower gel
- Sunscreen
- Thermometer
- Tissues
- Toilet paper
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Towels and washcloths
- Tweezers
- Umbrella