

What to Pack for the Residence Halls

Your residence hall room comes with an extra long twin bed and mattress, desk and chair, dresser, closet or wardrobe, and floor lamp or built-in lighting. Rooms have tile floors and window blinds. In each hall, there is a laundry room(s) with washers and dryers. Laundry machines are free except hot water wash cycles which cost a quarter. All residence halls, not including apartments, have community style bathrooms.

If possible, talk to your roommate when you are planning what to bring. However, if you are unable to do so, pack possible double items in a way to make it easier to leave in the vehicle to go back home. Keep in mind that lofts are not allowed and college-owned furniture may not be removed from your room.

IDENTIFICATION

- Driver's license or identification card
- Health insurance card/info
- ATM Card/credit cards/checkbook

MEDICATIONS

- Current written prescriptions, anything you take regularly and special instructions for things like allergy shots
- Spare eyeglasses, contact lenses, supplies
- First aid supplies, headache / cold medicine, tissues

LINENS

- Pillow (1-2)
- Light blanket and a heavy comforter for Twin or XL Twin
- Sheets for XL Twin Bed (36" x 80"), 2 sets recommended
- Mattress Pad for XL Twin
- Towels—probably at least 2 bath, 2 hand, 2 face

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Your warm weather to fall clothes (but not all)
- Rain gear like a jacket and or umbrella
- Workout gear (optional)
- Toiletries (toothpaste, hair care, soap, lotion, etc.)
- Brush and comb
- Shaving items, tweezers
- Hair dryer, curling / straightening iron
- Shower shoes (recommended) and tote/bucket for items.
- Bathrobe

LAUNDRY / CLOTHING CARE

- Detergent (liquid only), fabric softener, stain remover
- Laundry basket, hamper or bag
- Hangers
- Iron and mini-ironing board if you like crisp clothes or will need to be dressed professionally for academic reasons (mock interviews, internships, work, etc.)

SCHOOL STUFF

- Book bag/messenger bag
- Jump drive
- Computer supplies, printer, ink, etc. if bringing your own printer.
- Binders, folders, paper, writing utensils
- Planner/calendar

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Surge protector / power strip with extra long cords (NYS regulation does not allow use of electrical cords or 3 prong extension cords. ONLY surge protected strips are allowed.)
- Sewing kit (if you know how to use it)/safety pins
- Alarm clock
- Plastic stacking cubes, totes or containers to stash stuff under the bed
- Cleaning supplies like cleaning wipes or all purpose spray cleaner and paper towels

SNACKING STUFF

- Mug, cup, plate, silverware (1-2 of each would suffice)
- Non-perishable snack foods (hint: don't bring enough for a whole year- plan to restock during vacations.)
- Microwaveable dish or pan for light cooking
- Can-opener
- Small bottle of dishwashing detergent, cleaning sponge or scrubbie, dishtowel

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Flashlight and batteries
- Camera
- Bike with strong U-lock, inline skates, skateboard or comfy shoes for outdoor recreation
- Board games/cards, Frisbee, basketball, etc.
- QAM cable-ready TV (older TVs may need QAM converter box)
- Small stereo/headphones/IPOD/CDs
- Mini refrigerator (no larger than 4.5 cubic feet), microwave, coffee maker with auto shutoff.
- Fan (only the Commons has AC)
- Cell phone/charger (verify if your carrier has service in this area)

OPTIONAL DECORATION (Makes a room like home)

- Posters, photos, artwork, calendar, pictures of the family and friends
- 3M Command or like product for hanging items on walls without damaging paint.
- Plants
- Small area rug (6' x 8' will work in all rooms)
- Desk lamp or additional floor lamp

STUFF TO LEAVE AT HOME (Prohibited)

- Halogen, upward facing bowl and multi-arm lamps
- Toaster ovens, toasters, grills, sandwich makers, open coil appliances.
- Air conditioners, portable heaters.
- Electrical cords (only surge protectors please)
- Furniture
- Pets (with the exception of fish in 5 gallon tank or less)
- Candles, incense, or potpourri/scent pots utilizing a candle or flame.
- Permanent adhesives and nails
- All weapons including firearms, knives, bb guns, swords, fake guns, etc.
- Fireworks, propane, or explosives
- Drugs (except prescription for that specific resident) and alcohol (alcohol prohibited in all residence halls except Commons when amount for personal use is possessed by student 21 or older.)

Check to see if you are covered on your parent's homeowners or renter's insurance—if not, please get renters insurance!