

Packing for College Checklist

Packing for college isn't like packing for a road trip with the folks or a day at the beach. It's you and your stuff walking into an empty dorm room and you're hoping you remembered everything ... No need to panic. This checklist can help you get it all together. There's no need to have or pack everything on the list. Let it help you remember items that many forget.

Tip

Dorm rooms aren't spacious. Contact your roommate and coordinate what to pack.

Bath

- ☐ Bath towels
- ☐ Bathrobe
- ☐ Bathroom cup
- ☐ Brush & comb
- ☐ Cosmetics
- ☐ Curling iron
- ☐ Dental floss
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Hair dryer
- ☐ Hand towels
- ☐ Hand lotion
- ☐ Mirror
- ☐ Mouthwash
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Razor
- ☐ Shampoo & conditioner
- ☐ Shower caddy
- ☐ Shower flip flops
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Toothbrush & paste
- ☐ Washcloths



What personal bath items have you used today? What about yesterday?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Bed

- ☐ Bed sheets (extra long, if needed)
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Comforter
- ☐ Electric blanket
- ☐ Mattress pad
- ☐ Pillow & pillowcase
- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Under-the-bed storage boxes
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Medical

- ☐ Acne cream
- ☐ Aspirin
- ☐ Antibiotic cream
- ☐ BreatheEZ
- ☐ Band-aids
- ☐ Contact lense solution
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Decongestants
- ☐ Eye glasses
- ☐ Eye drops
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Hot/cold packs
- ☐ Pain reliever
- ☐ Pepto Bismol or other antacid
- ☐ Prescription medication
- ☐ Q-tips
- ☐ Vitamins



What medical items do you need?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Tip

You enjoy receiving your favorite magazines and catalogs at home. Why not change your mailing address and get them at college?

Clothing

- ☐ Belts
- ☐ Dress clothes
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Hat (summer & winter)
- ☐ Jackets (light, rain, winter)
- ☐ Jeans
- ☐ Jewelry & watch
- ☐ Nylons
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Purse
- ☐ Robe
- ☐ Shirts
- ☐ Shoes (and comfortable ones)
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Sneakers
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Sweaters
- ☐ Sweat shirts
- ☐ Swim suit

- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Underwear (and lots of it!)
- ☐ Workout clothes

? Check out your closet. What have you worn in the past two weeks? Or month?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Tip When moving to a different climate, bring clothes for all types of weather.

Study supplies

- ☐ Address book
- ☐ Backpack/duffel bag
- ☐ Calculator
- ☐ Calendar
- ☐ Desk lamp
- ☐ Envelopes
- ☐ Erasers
- ☐ File cabinet
- ☐ Folders
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Highlighters
- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Labels
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Notebooks
- ☐ Notepaper
- ☐ Paper clips
- ☐ Paper shredder
- ☐ Pencil cup
- ☐ Pencil sharpener
- ☐ Pens & pencils
- ☐ Postage stamps
- ☐ Post-its
- ☐ Reference books
- ☐ Rubber bands
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Scissors

- ☐ Staple remover
- ☐ Stapler & staples
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Three-hole punch
- ☐ Waste basket
- ☐ White-out

? Look around. What's in your desk or study area?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Computer

- ☐ Cables
- ☐ Computer (remember the cord)
- ☐ Diskettes or CDs
- ☐ Keyboard
- ☐ Modem
- ☐ Mouse & pad
- ☐ Phone cord
- ☐ Printer
- ☐ Printer paper
- ☐ Printer cartridge
- ☐ Software documentation
- ☐ Speakers
- ☐ Surge protector
- ☐ Word processing software

? Take a look at your computer setup—anything to add to your list?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Around your dorm

- ☐ Alarm clock radio with snooze
- ☐ Area rug
- ☐ Cell phone/telephone
- ☐ Corkboard & stick pins
- ☐ Erasable memo board & pens
- ☐ Fan
- ☐ Holiday decorations
- ☐ Inflatable chair
- ☐ iPod or stereo
- ☐ Night light
- ☐ Paper shredder
- ☐ Photos of your family, friends, pets
- ☐ Posters
- ☐ Potted plants
- ☐ Snap-on lamp
- ☐ Storage trunk with lock (your place to store valuables)
- ☐ Stuffed animal
- ☐ TV
- ☐ Yearbook

? What in your room would make your dorm feel more like home?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Tip If you're taking your cell phone to college—better check your plan. You don't want any roaming charge surprises!

Food

- ☐ Bottled water
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Condiments
- ☐ Easy Mac
- ☐ Favorite snacks
- ☐ Juice boxes
- ☐ Peanut butter & jelly

- ☐ Popcorn
- ☐ Power bars
- ☐ Ramen noodles
- ☐ Soda
- ☐ Soup
- ☐ SpaghettiOs

? It's the middle of the night and you're starving. What are you going to eat?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Kitchen

- ☐ Can/bottle opener
- ☐ Coffee maker
- ☐ Dorm refrigerator
- ☐ Hot plate
- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Microwave
- ☐ Mug
- ☐ Oven mitt
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Pizza cutter
- ☐ Plastic food containers (various sizes)
- ☐ Plastic glasses
- ☐ Plastic plates & bowls
- ☐ Portable water filter
- ☐ Toaster oven
- ☐ Utensils
- ☐ Ziploc bags

? You're standing in your kitchen—any must haves you must remember to pack?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Laundry

- ☐ Clothes hamper/laundry bag
- ☐ Clothes hangers
- ☐ Detergent
- ☐ Drying rack
- ☐ Fabric softener
- ☐ Iron
- ☐ Quarters
- ☐ Stain remover

? What laundry products are used at home?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Tip A red t-shirt can turn your white laundry pink when washed together!

Clean up

- ☐ Dish detergent
- ☐ Dish cloth
- ☐ Dish towel
- ☐ Lysol
- ☐ Portable vacuum
- ☐ Room freshener
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Beach towel
- ☐ Board games & cards
- ☐ Bug spray
- ☐ Camera & film
- ☐ Duct tape
- ☐ DVDs & videos
- ☐ Earplugs

- ☐ Extension cords
- ☐ Fan (can block out noise)
- ☐ Flashlight with fresh batteries
- ☐ Light bulbs
- ☐ Outlet strips
- ☐ Repair kit
- ☐ Safety whistle
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Sewing kit
- ☐ Sleep mask
- ☐ Sports equipment
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Water bottle

? Think of anything you just couldn't do without?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

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- ☐ Bank info/checks
- ☐ Calling card
- ☐ Debit/prepaid card
- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Financial aid forms
- ☐ Medical insurance card
- ☐ Registration information
- ☐ Renter's insurance
- ☐ Social security card
- ☐ Student ID

Tip While you're still at home, keep track of items you use, wear, and need. Add those items to your list.

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