



UChicago Housing & Residence Life

What Should I Bring?



After receiving your housing assignment, you will want to contact your room/suitemate(s) (if applicable) to discuss what you plan to bring. Your residence hall room becomes your “home away from home” and we want you to bring items you will need as well as those that will help make you comfortable while living on-campus. Below is a list of suggested items to help you as your pack.

Healthy & Clean

- Cleaning supplies (i.e., sanitizing wipes, broom, dustpan)
- First aid kit
- Laundry supplies (hamper/basket, detergent, hangers, iron/ironing board)
- Medication (prescribed and/or over the counter)
- Hand sanitizer
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes (sandals/flip flops to wear in the shower)
- Small trash bags
- Thermometer
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)
- Towels and wash cloths
- Umbrella/rain jacket/gear

Note: Students with semi-private bathrooms within their assignment must provide their own toilet paper. Toilet paper is provided in community bathrooms.

For a Good Night's Rest

- Bed linens and comforter/blankets (all beds are twin extra-long)
- Mattress pad
- Pillows

Room Personalization & Comfort

- Personal items (i.e., pictures, posters, mementos, etc.)
- Dry-erase board
- Area rug (Campus North, Max Palevsky, Renee Granville-Grossman, Woodlawn & Snell-Hitchcock are already carpeted)
- Non-halogen desk or floor lamp
- Seat cushion for desk chair
- Fan (box or stand-type fans are recommended for non-air-conditioned halls: Burton Judson, Snell-Hitchcock & International House)
- Painter's tape for hanging items

Eating In

- Coffeemaker or tea kettle (must be auto shutoff and not have exposed heating element)
- Cooking/eating utensils
- Plates, cups, and bowls
- Pots and pans
- Storage containers
- Personal refrigerator

Note: Students may choose to rent a combination refrigerator/freezer unit from our approved vendor, [BedLoft](#) or bring their own refrigerator, **not to exceed 4.0 cubic feet**. Due to electrical current limitations, students who bring their own refrigerator cannot bring a separate microwave. Students assigned to apartments already have a full-size refrigerator/freezer.

Storage & Organization

- Hangers
- Shoe rack/storage
- Crates or stacking containers
- Underbed storage organizer
- Bike lock (if bringing a bike)

Study & Technology

- Office supplies
- Backpack/bag
- Computer, power cord, laptop locking cable
- Cell phone and charger
- Earbuds or headphones
- Power strip with surge protection

Important Documents

- Driver's license or state photo identification card
- Social security card
- Insurance information
- Credit/debit card
- Passport and visa

What's Included in My Room?



Each student is provided a twin extra-long bed/mattress, dresser, free-standing wardrobe, or built-in closet (both have hanging rods within), desk, desk chair, bookcase, or wall-mounted shelving. All beds can be adjusted in height, providing a maximum clearance underneath of approximately 36". Each bedroom is also provided with a trash can and window blinds or drapes. Additional room furniture beyond what is listed below may be provided, depending on your residence hall and/or room type.

Note: We do not maintain dimensions for rooms, furniture, or windows. Panoramic tours of all room types can be found [here](#)

What Should I Leave at Home?



The following items are not permitted in any residence hall and may not be brought or shipped to campus:

- × Wireless printers and routers
- × Virtual assistants (i.e., Alexa, Google Home, etc.)
- × Halogen lights and lamps, LED light strips
- × Air conditioners, space heaters
- × Hot plates, electric skillets, tea kettles, toasters, toaster ovens, air fryers, slow and instant cookers, grills (or similar cooking appliances with exposed heating surfaces or elements) and gas/charcoal cooking appliances
- × Stand-alone microwaves (not part of combination refrigerator/freezer unit)
- × Candles, incense, fireworks, flammable liquids
- × Pets (except fish, tank must be 5 gallons or less)
- × Weapons: air pellet, soft pellet, water, paintball or BB guns, swords, knives, tasers, athletic weapons, etc.
- × Alcohol (including empty, decorative bottles)
- × Lithium battery-powered devices (i.e., e-bikes, scooters, hoverboards, etc.) apart from those approved for a disability or medical condition
- × Drones
- × Fog machines
- × Amplified musical instruments
- × Upholstered furniture (i.e., beanbag chairs, futons, sofas, mattresses, gaming chairs, etc.)
- × Lofting kits
- × Items that require wall mounting using tacks, nails, or adhesive/foam tape

Note: The above list is not all inclusive and additional items can be added at any time. If you have a question about whether an item is permitted, contact our office before bringing, ordering, or shipping it to campus. We can be reached by calling 773.702.7366, email us at: housing@uchicago.edu or reach out through the myHousing portal live chat feature. Non-permissible items that are shipped to campus will be returned to sender.