

# College Dorm Essentials: What to Bring to College

Downloadable move-in day checklist - print, pack, and check items as you go.

## Pack First (move-in day)

- ☐ Photo ID + student ID card info
- ☐ Dorm address + move-in instructions
- ☐ Keys / keycard + car key
- ☐ Phone + charger + power bank
- ☐ Wallet (cash, card)
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Snacks for the car
- ☐ Basic meds you use
- ☐ One change of clothes
- ☐ Toiletry bag (travel size)

## Tech + Study

- ☐ Laptop + charger
- ☐ Headphones / earbuds
- ☐ USB drive / external storage
- ☐ Surge-protected power strip
- ☐ Extension cord
- ☐ Desk lamp
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Notebooks or binder
- ☐ Pens, highlighters
- ☐ Planner / calendar

## Bedding (fits your bed size)

- ☐ Twin XL sheets (2 sets)
- ☐ Pillows + pillowcases
- ☐ Comforter / duvet
- ☐ Blanket (lightweight)
- ☐ Mattress pad or topper
- ☐ Laundry bag or hamper

## Clothes

- ☐ Everyday outfits (7-10 days)
- ☐ Workout clothes
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ Light jacket or hoodie
- ☐ Rain jacket / umbrella
- ☐ Shoes (daily + shower + dress)
- ☐ Laundry detergent pods
- ☐ Stain remover pen

## Bathroom

- ☐ Shower caddy
- ☐ Towels (2-3) + washcloths
- ☐ Shower shoes
- ☐ Toothbrush + toothpaste
- ☐ Soap / body wash
- ☐ Shampoo + conditioner
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Hair brush / comb
- ☐ Razor + shaving items
- ☐ Toilet paper (backup)

## Room Setup

- ☐ Hangers
- ☐ Under-bed storage bins
- ☐ Command strips / hooks
- ☐ Small tool kit (mini)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tape measure
- ☐ Trash can + liners
- ☐ Reusable tote bags

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- ☐ Disinfecting wipes / spray
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Hand soap
- ☐ Trash bags (small)
- ☐ Mini broom / dustpan
- ☐ First aid basics (bandages)
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Cold meds + pain reliever
- ☐ Sunscreen

## Nice to Have

- ☐ Small fan
- ☐ Mini vacuum
- ☐ Bedside caddy
- ☐ Whiteboard + markers
- ☐ Laundry drying rack
- ☐ Throw rug (if allowed)
- ☐ Small safe / lockbox
- ☐ Extra phone charger

## Food + Kitchen Basics

- ☐ Microwave-safe bowl + plate
- ☐ Mug + water cup
- ☐ Utensils
- ☐ Reusable food containers
- ☐ Mini fridge items (if allowed)
- ☐ Can opener (if needed)
- ☐ Dish soap + sponge

## Don't Bring (often restricted)

- ☐ Candles / incense
- ☐ Hot plate / toaster (check rules)
- ☐ Space heater
- ☐ Air fryer (if not permitted)
- ☐ Nails in walls / heavy mounts

## Documents

- ☐ Health insurance card
- ☐ Emergency contacts list
- ☐ Medication list (if relevant)
- ☐ Bank info (if needed)
- ☐ Class schedule / portal login

## Last Night Check

- ☐ Confirm move-in time slot
- ☐ Charge devices
- ☐ Pack clothes for day 1
- ☐ Label bins and bags
- ☐ Screenshot directions + parking
- ☐ Set aside trash bags and wipes