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# College Dorm Essentials Checklist

We made this packing list to help you get organized when moving into a college dorm room. It only contains the absolute essentials for your room, other decor and accessories can be picked up over time. Use the boxes to the left of the items to check off tasks as you pack them.

## CLOTHING:

- 1 pair of sneakers
- 1 pair of dress shoes
- 1 set of business-casual clothes
- 1 swimsuit
- Sunglasses
- Beanies/Caps/Gloves
- Light/heavy jackets
- Pajamas
- Pants/jeans
- Shirts/blouses
- Slippers and/or flip-flops
- Socks
- Sweaters
- Sweats
- Underwear

## ELECTRONICS:

- 6 outlet surge protector & extension chords
- Smartphone (Android or iPhone has it all)
- WiFi Router
- Chromecast (Seriously you should get this)
- Video Game System (Xbox, Playstation or PCMasterRace)
- Headphones
- Laptop (printer is optional; there are usually computer labs where you can print)
- Portable speakers (if you want to play music from laptop/phone)



## HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN ITEMS:

- All-purpose cleaner
- Can/bottle opener
- Dish soap
- Light bulbs
- Plastic storage bags
- Tissues
- Water bottle
- Bowl, plate and cup
- Coffee mug
- Food-storage containers
- Paper towels
- Silverware
- Trash bags
- Wet wipes

## LINENS/LAUNDRY SUPPLIES:

- Blankets (2)
- Comforter/bedspread
- Laundry detergent, fabric softener and stain remover
- Lint brush
- Mini sewing kit
- Sheets and pillowcases (2 sets. Check with college for size needed — some college twin beds are extra long.)
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry hamper/bag
- Laundry Drying Rack
- Mattress pad (check with college for size needed)
- Pillows (2)
- Towels (3 each of bath, hand and face)



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## OFFICE/DESK SUPPLIES:

- 3 × 5 index cards.
- Electronic storage media such as memory cards and USB flash drives
- Highlighter pens (multiple colors)
- Paper clips and binder clips
- Pencil holder and sharpener
- Pens and pencils
- Ruler
- Stackable desk trays (at least 4)
- Stapler and staples
- Tape (Invisible & masking)
- Desk lamp – For late night studying
- Folder with pockets
- Labels of various sizes
- Notebooks
- Printer paper (if you decide to bring a printer)
- Rubber bands
- Scissors
- Stamps and envelopes
- Sticky notes

## ROOM & STORAGE:

- Alarm clock – When you don't trust your phone or vice versa
- Bedside Lamp with shade
- Fan – It gets hot.
- Under-the-bed storage trays – You can't have enough storage!
- Wastebasket – Mini size with lid preferred
- Mini toolkit (Hammer, socket wrench set, pliers, misc screws and nails, duct and electrical tape)
- Poster & Picture hangers or double sided tape
- Storage bins – Those clear ones are the best

## SHARED ITEMS — CHECK WITH ROOMMATE(S):

- Area rug
- Audio equipment
- Posters/art
- Small refrigerator (if one isn't provided)



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- Coffeemaker/hot pot/microwave, if allowed
- TV and DVD player

## **TOILETRIES:**

- Adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment
- Antacid
- Antidiarrheal medicine
- Aspirin or other pain relievers
- Bath and face soap
- Chapstick
- Comb/brush
- Cotton swabs
- Cough drops
- Dental floss or Waterpik (best ever)
- Deodorant & Perfume/Cologne
- Hair dryer/straightener/curling iron
- Hairstyling products
- Lotion and/or facial moisturizer
- Nail clippers
- Razor and shaving cream
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes (flip-flops)
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Travel soap container(s)
- Tweezers
- Vitamins

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Backpack
- Sports/Exercise equipment
- Umbrella
- ENJOY THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!

## **##Important Tips:**

Make sure you do your shopping and packing early, a lot of students will run into shortages if they don't plan ahead. Remember to clearly label your boxes with your name, student ID, Dorm room number, and phone



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number. It's a good idea to move in all your boxes early to avoid collisions with other students carrying boxes. If you use a delivery company, make sure to assist them to get the job done quickly, there's 3,000 students doing the same thing you are.

We hope this list helps take the confusion out of shopping and packing for your dorm room as a student. Be sure to subscribe as we do in-depth reviews on all products and essentials for college dorm life.