

THE ULTIMATE OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING NEEDS LIST

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The last thing you want to do before moving away for College or University is drag a bunch of stuff you won't use during your school year. Why? It's a waste of time, energy and you'll have to either sell it or lug it back home once you're done or in between years.

This list is not exhaustive but an ultimate list of the basics that you may need to bring in relation to your personal needs. You may find something is not on the list and that's fine please leave a comment on the blog post and I'll add it.

Pick and choose wisely.

Bedroom

- Futon if no bed is supplied by landlord. Keep bed bugs in mind when moving into a furnished space.
- Side table and lamp
- Outlet extension chord
- Small table/desk for studying with a comfy chair
- Cozy rug if hardwood or laminate flooring
- Blackout curtains (if you are a light sleeper) along with earplugs
- Bedding, Blankets, Pillow and comforter
- 2 sets of sheets including pillow cases, fitted and top sheets
- Personal items – neck rest, medical pillow, Special shoes, Alarm clock

Furniture and Décor

- You don't really need to decorate student housing unless you need that touch of home. Buying a few second-hand bits once you arrive will suffice whether you add a photo to the wall, candle stick holders, plants etc.
- Sofa, Love seat and lounge chair (or mix of)
- Television and other electronic gadgets
- Television and computer screen cleaner
- Curtains and Rug (if needed)
- Lamps and side tables
- Coffee table, Kitchen table

Clothing, Outerwear and Accessories

- This is one area that can get hefty for no reason. Keep in mind the seasons you will be attending school and pack appropriately.
- Boots, Casual shoes, Running Shoes, Slippers
- Winter, Fall, Spring Jacket, House Coat
- Umbrella
- Rain coat
- Hats, Mitts, Scarves
- Running shoes
- Dress shoes
- Pjamas, Boxers and other intimate wear
- Socks
- Hangers
- Lint Roller
- Iron/Ironing Board (if needed)

Kitchen Supplies

- 2 pots large and medium with lids
- Strainer
- Cheese grater
- Forks, Knives, Spoons and knives for meal prep
- Measuring cups
- Bowls, plates
- Mugs, glasses
- Coffee pot and kettle
- Cooking Utensils- Spatula, Ladle, Tongs
- Tea Towels, Dish rack and Dish scrubber
- Cake pan, muffin pan, loaf pan, baking sheet
- Hand Mixer, Hand blender, blender
- Cutting Boards 3 (dry, meat and fish, vegetables)
- Aluminum foil, cling wrap, baggies, paper bags, grocery bags
- Plastic or glass storage containers (I have a great post on the blog about containers)
- Milk Jug (if needed)
- Juice Jug (if needed)
- Can Opener
- Toaster
- Rice Cooker
- Coffee Filters (if needed)

Pantry Supplies

- Stocking your pantry can happen once you arrive to your student housing and discuss with your roommates (if any) how you all plan to purchase food and pantry staples for the kitchen. I also have a Student Pantry List that you can review for more insight on the blog.
- Most students buy their own groceries but split on kitchen essentials such as condiments, cleaning supplies and Kitchenware.

Cleaning Supplies

- Broom and Mop
- Dish Cloths and Tea Towels
- Dish Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- All-Purpose Cleaner, Vinegar and Spray bottles
- Dishwasher solution
- Vacuum
- Garbage bags or bin bags

Bathroom

If it is easier for you to go shopping for personal items do it when you arrive by going to the appropriate stores.

- Bath towel, Hand Towel, Face Towel, Wash cloth
- Toilet Paper, Paper towel, tissue
- Personal Care items ex: make-up, cologne, perfume, mouthwash, hair gel, hygiene products
- Rug
- Toilet plunger
- Toilet brush
- Cleaning supplies *see list
- First-Aid kit

Laundry

- Laundry Basket
- Laundry Soap and Fabric Softener
- Hangers
- Drying Rack (if needed)
- Stain remover
- Small bottle of bleach
- Bucket of small coins for laundromat if no laundry facilities are available

School Supplies

- Laptop, Desktop, Smart Phone, All chargers
- Pencil Case filled with pens, eraser, pencils, highlighter, calculator etc.
- Binders
- Reading light
- Text Books
- Dry Erase Board or Calendar

A quick visit to the Dollar Store, Walmart or Staples may yield you some great deals. Also pop into the second-hand shop first as there are always tonnes of student supplies for cheap especially if you want to kit your desk area.

Personal

- Personal care items that you can't purchase at the grocery store or is far too expensive to re-buy. This means if you need your hair straightener bring it as opposed to buying another when you move in.
- Glasses, Sunglasses and any other medical devices
- Medications and Doctor information
- Fit Bit, Movies, Books, Hobby items, Sports equipment or accessories
- Bike or other means of transportation which may include a spare key
- Identification and other important documents
- Rental agreement and Tenants Insurance
- Vehicle Insurance
- Banking and Loan information

Financial Budget

- You can download our budget spreadsheet for free or print a simple budget free at CBB.
- If using envelopes for cash purchases works for you then bring along your jars or envelopes labelled and ready to go.

Miscellaneous

- Telephone for phone line in bedroom
- Mirror for your wall
- Vehicle necessities- winter tires, first aid kit, spare tire, jack, washer fluid.
- Drink coasters
- Special batteries
- Lightbulbs
- Owner's manuals for everything or links to find them online
- Tool kit
- Flashlight
- Bug Spray
- Lighter
- Air Freshener

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