



WHAT TO PACK 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.

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?



- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
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Clothing

- Belts
- Dress clothes
- Gloves
- Hat (summer & winter)
- Jackets (light, rain, winter)
- Jeans
- Jewelry & watch
- Pajamas
- Purse
- Robe
- Shirts
- Shoes (and comfortable ones)
- Shorts
- Sneakers
- Socks
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts
- Swimsuit
- T-shirts
- Underwear (and lots of it!)
- Workout clothes

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



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- _____
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TIP!

▶ Consider climate when packing. You won't need your winter parka in Miami.

Medical

- Acne cream
- Antacid
- Aspirin
- Antibiotic cream
- Band-aids
- Contact lense solution
- Cotton balls
- Cotton swabs
- Decongestants
- Eye glasses
- Eye drops
- First aid kit
- Hot/cold packs
- Pain reliever
- Prescription medication
- Vitamins
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Bed

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

Around your dorm

- Alarm clock radio with snooze
- Area rug
- Cell phone/charger cord
- Corkboard & stick pins
- Erasable memo board & pens
- Holiday decorations
- Inflatable chair
- MP3 player 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
- Telephone
- Yearbook



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

- _____
- _____
- _____

Computer

- Cables
- Computer (remember the cord)
- CDs, DVDs, Flash drive
- Keyboard
- Modem
- Mouse & pad
- Phone cord
- Printer
- Printer paper
- Printer ink
- Software documentation
- Speakers
- Surge protector
- Word processing software



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

- _____
- _____
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Kitchen

- Can/bottle opener
- Coffee maker
- Dorm refrigerator
- Hot plate
- Knife
- Microwave
- Mug
- Paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Plastic food containers
- Plastic glasses
- Plastic plates & bowls
- Portable water filter
- Utensils
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

TIP!



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

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 sharpener
- Pens & pencils
- Postage stamps
- 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?

- _____
- _____
- _____



Food

- Bottled water
- Cereal
- Condiments
- Mac & cheese
- Juice boxes
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Popcorn
- Power bars
- Ramen noodles
- Soda
- Soup
- Snacks



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

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

TIP!

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

Clean up

- Dish detergent
- Dish towel
- Disinfecting cleaner
- Portable vacuum
- Room freshener
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- _____
- _____
- _____

Laundry

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



What laundry products are used at home?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Paperwork

- 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
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TIP!

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

TIP!

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

Miscellaneous

- Batteries
- Beach towel
- Board games & cards
- Bug spray
- Camera
- Duct tape
- DVDs & videos
- Earplugs
- Extension cords
- Fan (can block out noise)
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- 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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