

What to Pack for your Residence Hall Room

School/Basic

Book Bag/Backpack
Pens and Pencils
Paper/Notebooks
Binders
Calculator

Desk Supplies

Desk Organizer
Desk Lamp
Paper Clips
Stapler / Staples
Tape

(but not for posters)

Important Items

ID Cards (including your student ID)
Insurance Card
Debit Card and a couple of checks
Prescription Medicine
Computer/Laptop
Computer/Phone Chargers

maybe ...

Bicycle and Bike Lock
Portable car starter (we don't have plugs for cars)

Not Allowed

Weapons
"Pretend" Weapons
• water guns
• bb guns
Incense
Hoverboards
Hot Plate
Toaster Ovens
Microwave (there one down the hallway)
Candles
Space Heaters
Pets
Marijuana and drug paraphernalia
Alcohol and decorative alcohol bottles/containers



You won't need/please bring no furniture, except

- you might like plastic tubs or plastic drawer kits
- if you bring a TV, negotiate with the other person to bring a TV stand.

Discuss with your roommate:

- Mini-Fridge (the normal dorm size fridge from Walmart/Target/etc., are fine. And having one in your room or your suite is probably enough.)
- TV (cable is provided; you rent the remote)
- Gaming system (if you wish; bring an ethernet cord. Games don't work right on the wifi)
- bath mats, shoe trays, etc.

Clothes

Hangers
Laundry Basket
Laundry Soap and Dryer Sheets
Iron and Ironing Board/Pad
First Aid Kit/Items
Mirror
Decorations/Photos
3M hangers/poster putty
Message Board for Door

Toiletries: Shampoo,

Conditioner, Soap,
Wash Cloths and
Towels, Robe,
Deodorant, Toothbrush
and Toothpaste, Floss,
Shower Caddy, Combs
and Brushes

Power Strip
Umbrella
Storage Container

Cleaning Supplies

Bed: Sheets (Twin in Agassiz; XL Twin in Birkelo and Berg),
Blanket (maybe more than one blanket),
mattress pad/cover,
pillow(s).

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- some sports teams will get earlier arrival info from coach.
- early arrival application on housing portal.

You will find your MSU residence hall room furnished with the following when you arrive:

Residence Hall Furniture for each room resident:

- bed:
- twin bed (most beds in Agassiz are "regular length." There are some bedroom walls that are not long enough to have both the XL length and a desk, kind of the default furniture arrangement. We do have some XL frames to swap out for those student who need the extra long size).
- OR
- twin XL beds in Berg and Birkelo.
- note for all three buildings: (the bed frames can be set "high" or "low" or somewhere in between. Tubs can be stored under the beds. The beds also bunk, if you want. "Loft kits" are not permitted.
- desk and desk chair
- closet space (we don't have doors on the closets, so a tension rod and drape or shower curtain is an option, but really it's not the norm.)
- dresser unit
- lock for your bedroom door and, if applicable, for the suite door to your unit
- cable box shared by your roommate/suitemates – so ...

Appliances:

- you can bring a TV (remotes for the cable box should be rented from the bookstore)
- if you bring a TV, bring a TV stand. This is probably the only furniture you will need to carry in.
- a gaming cube is okay. You will need to work with IT - we don't let your x-box, etc., run off the wifi, but you can plug your system in and register it on the network.
- cooking dishes (stove top or microwave dishes)
- there is a microwave and a range in each kitchenette, located on nearly every wing in all three buildings. You don't need to bring a microwave and you have access to cook on our appliances.
- small refrigerator (if you buy it at Walmart, Target, etc., then it's fine). Coordinate with your roommate, because one is usually enough.
- a desk lamp can be helpful.

Also bring:

- academic supplies (duh)
- small trashcan
- computer (printers are available in the library, campus center, and residence halls)
- laundry basket, soap, and dryer sheets - there is a laundry located in each residence hall, and in some cases on the floor where you live. You will not need quarters.
- a iron for your clothes (pause for laughter)
- a lockable storage container (parents: I bought [this one](#) for my first two college kids. Use your best judgment/jp)
- a lot of students have a plastic set of drawers/closet organizer. It's not required and YMMV, but think about it.
- personal care items
- a container for carrying your shampoo/soap/shower supplies (even in Agassiz -- you're meant to empty your shower each week on cleaning day).

Miscellaneous:

- basic first aid kit
- fan for your room (esp. if you are in Berg or Birkelo)
- surge protector (1 power strip) (splurge and get a good one with additional plugs and a longer cord. Avoid the \$8 and look at the \$20 model. It's better all around.) Extension cords without the surge protector can cause fire and should not be brought.

Linens:

- Linen service and linens are not provided by the University.

Clothing:

- Two messages here. If you're from North Dakota, Winnipeg, or Minnesota, it's always fun to tease people from away about how cold it gets. On the other hand, if you're not from here, you might be intimidated about how cold it gets. [This is a pretty factually accurate site about the weather.](#)
- [This is a good page](#) about clothing. Advice: invest in a really good coat, and make sure you have hats and gloves. We do a decent job of moving snow off of sidewalks, so have good shoes but don't focus on industrial strength boots. Once the weather turns, you'll spend more time indoors than out, so don't focus on new sweaters or wool-lined pants. Dress comfortably, anticipate layers of clothing, and you'll be fine.

Cars:

- we do not have outlets for car. Make sure you have a good battery, and bring a portable, chargeable "jumper" if you might need it.

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Things Not to Bring:

- amplified musical instruments
- air conditioner units, heating units, humidifiers and dehumidifiers
- appliances with open heating elements (including charcoal grills, hot plates, toaster ovens, and toasters)
- extension cords
- cable modems and wifi routers
- pets and animals
- illicit drugs. (even if you have a "medical marijuana" card, federal law prohibits drugs on campus, including medical cannabis.)
- alcohol or alcohol paraphernalia (including shot glasses and empty alcoholic beverage containers)
- candles, incense, or other flammables
- weapons (including knives, guns, clubs, brass knuckles) and explosives