

Moving to campus

Making your room feel like home can feel daunting. How much should you bring and what can you leave at home? We want to make the process easy, so check out these recommendations.

Before packing:

- **PROPERTY INSURANCE** — Consult your family's homeowner's or renters insurance policy to see if it covers items at the residence hall. If it does not, consider purchasing renter's insurance for items coming to UMaine. Need advice? Email Housing Services at um.housing@maine.edu.
- **Coordinate with your roommate** — Talk with your roommate to decide what each of you will bring. Housing assignments are available at [myHousing](https://myhousing.umaine.edu) in July.
- Winters in Maine are cold. Bring cold weather essentials (e.g., hat, gloves, scarf, heavy coat, boots).

Leave these items at home:

Living and sleeping

- Halogen lamps, neon signs, candles, incense
- Two-prong extension cords
- Air conditioners of any kind
- Analog television
- Electrical appliances with heating elements (e.g., hot plates, toaster ovens, sandwich makers, toasters, space heaters)

Food and beverage

- Stand-alone microwave ovens
- Alcohol, if under 21 years old or a resident of Substance Free Housing

Technology, entertainment and recreation

- Personal wireless router
- One-of-a-kind, irreplaceable items
- Large furniture items that will not fit in the room

Health and safety

- All weapons (e.g., firearms, arrows, swords) must be left at home.
- Illegal and non-prescribed drugs, marijuana (in any form), tobacco

Other

- Pets, except small fish in a tank up to 10-gallons (only pet allowed)
- Hoverboards and drones



What to bring to campus

Living and sleeping

- Pillows and bedding for a twin extra-long bed (80" long)
- Carpet/area rug and other decor
- Non-halogen lamps
- Clothes and clothes hangers
- UL-approved power strips (15 amp); three-prong extension cords, UL-certified fan
- Crates, closet organizers, bed lifts
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Alarm clock
- Sewing kit

Personal care

- Thermometer, antibacterial wipes, face coverings
- Toiletry holder and toiletries
- Towels, washcloths, bathrobe, shower shoes (e.g., flip-flops)
- Prescription medications
- Laundry hamper, high-efficiency laundry detergent, dryer sheets

Food and beverage

- Small kitchen items (e.g. plates, cups, bowls)
- Mini-refrigerator (4.0 cubic foot max, one per room) or a MicroChill® combination appliance (one per room) — learn more at umaine.edu/housing/microchill
- UL-approved auto-off coffee machines or single-serve coffee machines (e.g., Keurig)

Technology, entertainment and recreation

- Laptop or desktop computers, tablets; respective cords
- Stereo, digital TV, video game equipment
- Cell phone and charger; landlines not provided
- Recreation equipment (e.g. bicycle, skateboard) and locks

Health and safety

- Health insurance card
- Auto insurance card
- First aid kit

Other

- Academic year parking permits — purchase online at umaine.edu/parking: Automobile, \$50; Motorcycle, \$30 (free with auto permit)

More suggestions at
umaine.edu/housing/what-to-bring-what-not-to-bring