

What to Pack for College

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Many colleges have services nearby that will deliver dorm-in-a-box sort of setups for you, if you want to investigate those. Most kids just pack and take their own things from home. :)

- Hangers
- Bathroom basket / tote / flip flops
- Soap container
- Towels
- Bedding: pillow, sheets, blanket
- Desk light / lamp / lightbulbs
- Alarm clock
- TV / DVD player / movies / Xbox / Wii
- iPod / Music/CD's
- Computer / cord
- Cell phone / charger
- Roll of quarters (for laundry!)
- Laundry soap
- Laundry bag / basket
- Notes from home on how to do laundry...
- Tape / sticky tack for posters
- Posters
- Dry erase white board for roommate messages
- Microwaveable foods: popcorn, soup, oatmeal, cocoa, anything
- Camera / charger
- Chair or couch or refrigerator (check with roommate to see first)
- Toiletries
- Full length mirror, if your room doesn't have one
- First aid kit: Band-aids, Neosporin, Advil, cold medicine, thermometer, etc.
- Plastic under the bed storage containers 26.
- Crates, for storage
- Shoe rack
- Backpack / Messenger bag
- Bottles of water

- Granola bars and snacks
- Pictures of friends and other decorations
- School supplies!
- A fan

Most dorms have a locking drawer or box for you to put valuables in. Theft happens, but thankfully it's not that common. Just be sensible and don't leave uber-expensive things lying around when you're not home.

You may not have a roommate that you would choose, but you'll learn to be more open-minded and mature if you work kindly to get along with someone different from yourself. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity.

You will not like everything about your college, so be ready for that. All colleges have ups and downs. Just fall in love with the ups and STAY BUSY. That's the key!!