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

#### Tip
Dorm rooms aren’t spacious. Contact your roommate and coordinate what to pack.

### Bed
- Bed sheets (extra long, if needed)
- Blankets
- Comforter
- Electric blanket
- Mattress pad
- Pillow & pillowcase
- Sleeping bag
- Under-the-bed storage boxes
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#### Tip
What personal bath items have you used today? What about yesterday?
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### Medical
- Acne cream
- Aspirin
- Antibiotic cream
- BreatheEZ
- Band-aids
- Contact lens solution
- Cotton balls
- Decongestants
- Eye glasses
- Eye drops
- First aid kit
- Hot/cold packs
- Pain reliever
- Pepto Bismol or other antacid
- Prescription medication
- Q-tips
- Vitamins

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

### Clothing
- Belts
- Dress clothes
- Gloves
- Hat (summer & winter)
- Jackets (light, rain, winter)
- Jeans
- Jewelry & watch
- Nylons
- Pajamas
- Purse
- Robe
- Shorts
- Sneakers
- Socks
- Sweaters
- Sweat shirts
- Swim suit
Surround yourself with the right stuff.

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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Speakers
Surge protector
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If you’re taking your cell phone to college—better check your plan. You don’t want any roaming charge surprises!

Around your dorm
Alarm clock radio with snooze
Area rug
Cell phone/telephone
Corkboard & stick pins
Erasable memo board & pens
Fan
Holiday decorations
Inflatable chair
iPod or stereo
Night light
Paper shredder
Photos of your family, friends, pets
Posters
Potted plants
Snap-on lamp
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Stuffed animal
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What in your room would make your dorm feel more like home?

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Bottled water
Cereal
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Easy Mac
Favorite snacks
Juice boxes
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Popcorn
Power bars
Ramen noodles
Soda
Soup
SpaghettiOs

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

You're standing in your kitchen—any must haves you must remember to pack?

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

What laundry products are used at home?

Kitchen
- Can/bottle opener
- Coffee maker
- Dorm refrigerator
- Hot plate
- Knife
- Microwave
- Mug
- Oven mitt
- Paper towels
- Pizza cutter
- Plastic food containers (various sizes)
- Plastic glasses
- Plastic plates & bowls
- Portable water filter
- Toaster oven
- Utensils
- Ziploc bags

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

Clean up
- Dish detergent
- Dish cloth
- Dish towel
- Lysol
- Portable vacuum
- Room freshener

Think of anything you just couldn't do without?

Miscellaneous
- Batteries
- Beach towel
- Board games & cards
- Bug spray
- Camera & film
- Duct tape
- DVDs & videos
- Earplugs

Extension cords
- Fan (can block out noise)
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Light bulbs
- 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?

You're standing in your kitchen—any must haves you must remember to pack?

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

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