



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

# RESIDENCE HALL PACKING LIST

Preparing to move to campus can feel a bit overwhelming. With this guide, we have some recommendations on what to bring to make your transition to campus a comfortable one. Please note, this guide is meant to be used as a tool and is not an encompassing list of supplies you must bring. These are just some things to consider. If you are ever unsure of what to bring (or what not to bring), contact us at [housingLH@commonwealthu.edu](mailto:housingLH@commonwealthu.edu).



## ROOM ESSENTIALS

- Seasonal clothing, footwear, etc.
- Professional attire (for presentations/interviews)
- Rainwear/umbrella
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry supplies (basket, detergent, etc.)
- Bedding (sheets, pillows, bedspread, etc.)
- Mattress pad or topper
- Electrical devices and chargers
- Fan
- Lamp
- Storage bins



## CLEANING BASICS

- Disinfectant wipes, sprays
- Broom/dust pan or vacuum
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Dish soap and sponges
- Air freshener



## KITCHEN COMFORTS

- Dinnerware (plates, cups, utensils, etc.)
- Cookware (pot, pan, can opener, etc.)
- Single-serve coffee maker (Keurig or similar)
- Microwave
- Refrigerator (5-cubic feet max)
- Small appliances without an exposed heating element (air fryer, ice maker, blender)
- Storage bags, microwaveable containers



## BATH NECESSITIES

- Personal hygiene products
- Bath towels
- Hair brush, hair dryer, hair products
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes
- Medical supplies (band-aids, medicine, thermometer, etc.)



## STUDY SUPPLIES

- Backpack
- Planner/calendar
- Notebooks, writing utensils, etc.
- Binders, folders, etc.



## SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR FAIRVIEW SUITES & CAMPUS VILLAGE

- Bath mat
- Bathroom cleaning supplies
- Hand soap
- Shower liner/curtain
- Toilet paper
- Toilet plunger

# WHAT NOT TO BRING

For the safety of yourself and others, the following items are prohibited inside our residence halls:

- 3-D printers
- Adhesive light strips/LED light strips (Adhesive will damage University property. If you are using light strips, use approved mounting supplies i.e. painters tape, command strips, etc.)
- Alcohol and alcohol bottles (including empty bottles regardless of purpose)
- Amplified instruments
- Appliances with exposed heating elements (i.e. hot plates, traditional coffee makers, toasters, etc.) [permitted in Campus Village]
- Candles (used or decorative), incense, wax warmers and oil diffusers that use a tealight or hot plate
- Cooking appliances that use high pressure steam or deep oil fryers
- Dartboards
- Electric or gas powered bikes, scooters, hoverboards, etc.
- Extension cords and multi-plug power strips/outlet adapters without an internal circuit surge protector
- Firecrackers, fireworks, and other explosives
- Halogen lamps
- Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Internet switches, routers, hubs, etc.
- Non-University owned mattresses
- Non-University owned personal space heaters
- Pets (other than fish in a tank 15-gallons or less)\*
- Weightlifting equipment (i.e. barbells, free weights, pull-up bars, large equipment)
- Weapons and weapon replicas
- Window air conditioners
- Any item that could damage property/facilities, cause personal injury, or prohibit safety equipment from properly functioning

## A NOTE ABOUT PETS

Students living in pet-friendly residence halls may have a pet other than fish. Students must submit an application for approval and registration BEFORE bringing a pet to campus. The Pet-Friendly Residence Hall policy defines allowable pets as one cat OR one dog OR two caged rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, or guinea pigs per room. Cats and dogs are subject to strict guidelines concerning species, breed, age, size, and length of ownership. Please contact the Housing and Residence Life Office to request the Pet-Friendly Residence Hall registration packet. For information regarding service animals and emotional support animals (ESA), please contact [University Disability Services](#).

## DECORATING TIPS

Pictures, posters, lights, and other decorations should be hung only use products that will remove cleanly and with out damaging the walls. Other products such as thumb tacks, nails, screws, or various adhesive products are damaging and their use may lead to damage charges. When using damage free adhesives, make sure you hang and remove them following the manufacture instructions.

Fairview Suites and Campus Village residents should not use adhesives in the shower to hang hooks, baskets, etc. These “heavy duty” adhesives will damage the shower walls.