



WELCOME HOME TO Northwestern!

Read through this list as you plan to move into your new home-away-from-home! We can't wait to meet you and start a great year! Feel free to bring what you'd like from this list (or more) and leave what you don't think you'll use.

Happy packing!

What We Provide

Each dorm room contains a desk, bulletin board, chair, bed, mattress, dresser, and small desk storage dresser for each resident living in the room. Student Center dorm rooms have a kitchenette, containing a sink, stove top, oven, cabinets or other shelving, fridge, and freezer. Closets contain two to three hanging racks and shelf storage. Each room has a bathroom mirror, vanity, sink, and under-sink storage across from a separate room containing a shower and toilet. Each dorm room is fit with a curtain rod and blackout curtains.

Don't Bring

- ☐ Anything that would produce an open flame: candles, incense burners, food torch
- ☐ Hot plate
- ☐ Nails or things that would damage dorm walls
- ☐ Wi-Fi router

Other helpful tips for moving into your college dorm room:

- Coordinate with your roommates so you don't double up on communal items (such as kitchen and bathroom items, and furniture.)
- Establish general room expectations with your roommates and communicate often with each other. Clear and frequent communication will help when conflicts and tensions arise.
- Get to know the people in your hall, and your RA! You will be living together throughout the year, and many of these people will become great friends of yours.
- Get out and involved as much as you can. Events, hangouts, and more happen all year long just for you! Getting involved in your community at college will help you have the best experience at Northwestern!
- Plan to set good boundaries so you can prepare for your classes, study well, get good rest, honor your personal time, and more.



What to Bring



Bedding

- ☐ Twin XL size bed sheets, mattress pad, and comforter
- ☐ Pillows and pillowcases
- ☐ Blankets

Kitchen

- ☐ Plates, bowls, cups, mugs
- ☐ Silverware
- ☐ Cookware: pots, pans
- ☐ Mixing bowls
- ☐ Spatula, tongs, knives, etc.
- ☐ Colander
- ☐ Potholders
- ☐ Kitchen towel and washcloths
- ☐ Drying mat or rack
- ☐ Dish soap and sponge
- ☐ Small appliances, such as microwave, toaster, blender, etc.
- ☐ Coffee maker
- ☐ Tea kettle, or electric water heater
- ☐ Mini fridge (fridge provided in the dorm, additional fridge storage optional)
- ☐ Garbage can and bags
- ☐ Paper towels

Clothing and Closet

- ☐ Clothes (tip: bring warm weather clothing in the Fall semester and swap out for Winter clothing over Fall Break to save closet space)
- ☐ Socks and underwear
- ☐ Formal wear (for class presentations, job interviews, etc.)
- ☐ Accessories: jewelry, belts, hats, etc.
- ☐ Shoes and boots
- ☐ Winter gear (coat, hat, mittens, scarf, etc.)
- ☐ Workout wear
- ☐ Hangers
- ☐ Clothing organizers
- ☐ Hamper
- ☐ Laundry soap, dryer sheets, and stain remover
- ☐ Tension rod and curtain to close off the closet (optional)

School and Desk Supplies

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Notebooks
- ☐ Chargers
- ☐ Pens, pencils, highlighters
- ☐ Binders and folders
- ☐ Stapler and staples
- ☐ Paper and binder clips
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Sticky notes
- ☐ Hole puncher
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Envelopes and stamps
- ☐ Earbuds
- ☐ Tacks for bulletin board (each desk has a bulletin board attached)

Bathroom and Toiletries:

- ☐ Shower curtain and hooks
- ☐ Bathmat
- ☐ Towels and washcloths
- ☐ Small garbage can
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Shampoo, conditioner body soap
- ☐ Toothbrush, floss, toothpaste
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Razor, shaving cream
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Band-Aids
- ☐ Medications (prescriptions and over the counter)
- ☐ Hair tools (dye, curler, straightener, etc.)
- ☐ Feminine hygiene products

Documents

- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Health insurance card
- ☐ Debit/credit cards
- ☐ Social Security card and/or birth certificate
- ☐ Car registration/insurance card (if bringing a car)

Cleaning Supplies

- ☐ Swiffer (linoleum or cement flooring in the Student Center)
- ☐ Glass cleaner
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Disinfecting wipes
- ☐ Toilet cleaner, brush, and plunger
- ☐ Shower cleaner
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Hand soap

Optional Furniture and Additions

- ☐ Lamps (optional, but really add to a comfy room vibe)
- ☐ Extra seating, such as a couch or comfy chair
- ☐ Decor such as picture frames, string lights, or wall hangings
- ☐ Rug
- ☐ Storage bins or other organizers
- ☐ Power strips and extension cords
- ☐ Each room is fit with a curtain rod and blackout curtains—bring additional decorative curtains if desired

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Journal
- ☐ Water bottles
- ☐ Travel mug
- ☐ Hammock
- ☐ Lawn blanket
- ☐ Swimsuit and towel
- ☐ Sunscreen and sunglasses
- ☐ Bug spray
- ☐ Card or board games
- ☐ Suitcase/duffel bag
- ☐ Door stopper
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Sports equipment/games (pickleball, frisbee, Spikeball, etc.)
- ☐ TV or gaming systems