

Dorm Essentials: A Freshman's Dorm Checklist

College freshmen face the difficult task of transporting their entire lives to college dorms. Find out what you should bring and what you should leave at home.

College is often the first major move in a teen's life. It can be difficult deciding what to bring and what to leave at home. To help you get organized, make a college checklist of various categories that will help you decide what you really need, and what will go untouched if you bring it to college.



In a small dorm room, it's important to minimize clutter and keep the essentials handy while storing away items you won't use daily.

Also, if you know your roommate, it may help to check with them to find out which things they are planning on bringing. After all, in a crowded dorm room, do you really need two printers?

College Dorm School Supplies

With the stress of leaving home for the first time, some people may forget that the primary reason they are moving into a dorm is for school. Here are some basic school supplies that you will most likely need:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> calculator | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil holder | <input type="checkbox"/> white out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computer | <input type="checkbox"/> pens/pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> extra printer ink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> desk lamp | <input type="checkbox"/> plain envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> hole punch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ethernet cord | <input type="checkbox"/> power strip | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil sharpener |
| <input type="checkbox"/> extension cord | <input type="checkbox"/> scissors | <input type="checkbox"/> printer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> headphones | <input type="checkbox"/> stamps | <input type="checkbox"/> printer paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> memory stick | <input type="checkbox"/> stapler | <input type="checkbox"/> backpack |

Dorm Room Ideas for Staying Organized

In a small dorm room, it's important to minimize clutter and keep the essentials handy while storing away items you won't use daily. Here are a few organizing kits to keep on task in a small space.

- bed lifts (for creating storage or desk space under your bed)
- bulletin board with push pins for hanging flyers, contact numbers, schedules, etc.
- calendar
- storage bins
- under-bed boxes
- over the door hooks

Tools and Emergency Supplies for College Dorm Life

It's easy at home to run to mom and dad when you need a hammer or a band-aid, but locating these simple items while living in college dorms can be surprisingly difficult, especially in an emergency. Here are a few items that may come in handy:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> band-aids | <input type="checkbox"/> Neosporin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> duct tape | <input type="checkbox"/> cold medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> pain reliever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> flashlight | <input type="checkbox"/> cotton balls | <input type="checkbox"/> Pepto Bismol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> basic toolkit with hammer
and screwdriver | <input type="checkbox"/> cough drops | <input type="checkbox"/> Q-Tips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sewing kit | <input type="checkbox"/> hydrogen peroxide | <input type="checkbox"/> tweezers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tape | <input type="checkbox"/> Imodium | <input type="checkbox"/> vitamin c |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ace bandage | <input type="checkbox"/> nail clippers | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> nail file | |

Personal Items Dorm Checklist

Doing laundry, sleeping well and staying clean are essential parts of making dorm life seem less dreary. When you pack, don't forget to bring along:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> bath towels | <input type="checkbox"/> shaving cream | <input type="checkbox"/> laundry bag/basket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hand towels | <input type="checkbox"/> razor | <input type="checkbox"/> laundry detergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wash cloths | <input type="checkbox"/> face soap | <input type="checkbox"/> all purpose cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shower flip flops | <input type="checkbox"/> facial moisturizer | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pillows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> traveling soap container | <input type="checkbox"/> deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 sets of sheets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shower caddy/basket | <input type="checkbox"/> lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> alarm clock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> comb/brush | <input type="checkbox"/> toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> bedside lamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> curling iron/straightener | <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> comforter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hair care products | <input type="checkbox"/> dental floss | <input type="checkbox"/> fan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hair dryer | <input type="checkbox"/> trash bags | <input type="checkbox"/> tissues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shower gel/soap | <input type="checkbox"/> trash can | |

Downtime in a Dorm

Snacks and entertainment are also essential. Don't forget the goodies to make late nights more fun:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> dvd player | <input type="checkbox"/> mini fridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> television | <input type="checkbox"/> microwave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> camera | <input type="checkbox"/> water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> iPod dock | <input type="checkbox"/> coffee maker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mp3 player | |