**DORM ROOM CHECKLIST**

**Getting organized**

Does your college provide any storage options for their dorm rooms? Many dorm rooms have at least a chest of drawers. If that’s the case, buy some drawer liners and give the inside of the drawers a quick wipe before you put the liners in.

**You might also consider bringing.**

[ ]  Closet organizers

[ ]  Hangers

[ ]  Over-the-door organizer

[ ]  Shoe organizer

[ ]  Hooks and hangers

[ ]  Plastic bin(s) for under-bed storage

[ ]  Storage Containers

[ ]  Drawer organizer

[ ]  Drawer and shelf liners

[ ]  Jewelry organizer

**Entertainment/work area**

[ ]  TV

[ ]  Dry erase board for your door

[ ]  Board games

[ ]  Playing cards

[ ]  Area rug

[ ]  Desk lamp

**Bedroom area**

[ ]  Full-length mirror

[ ]  Box fan

[ ]  Comforter or duvet with cover

[ ]  Pillow(s)

[ ]  Pillowcases (at least two per pillow)

[ ]  Sheets (two sets)

[ ]  Extra blanket

**Walls**

[ ]  Prints and/or posters.

[ ]  Removable adhesive strips and hooks

**Lighting**

[ ]  String lights

[ ]  Floor lamp

**Miscellaneous**

[ ]  Luggage

[ ]  Weekender bag

[ ]  Sleeping bag

[ ]  First aid kit

[ ]  Tissues

[ ]  Umbrella

[ ]  Earplugs

[ ]  Toolkit

[ ]  Lightbulbs

[ ]  Sports equipment

[ ]  Bike (with lock and the helmet)

[ ]  Lock for the lockers

[ ]  Safety whistle

[ ]  Pepper spray

[ ]  Your prescription medications

[ ]  Over-the-counter medications (pain relief, allergy relief, cold meds, etc.)

[ ]  Band-aids

[ ]  Vitamins

**Study materials**

No college packing last for girls would be complete without a comprehensive list of school supplies. Some of these depend on your personal study method and what classes you’ll be taking, so look through the list and figure out exactly which items make the most sense for you.

[ ]  Backpack

[ ]  Binders

[ ]  Day planner

[ ]  Filler lined paper.

[ ]  Glue

[ ]  Graph paper

[ ]  Graphing calculator

[ ]  Index cards

[ ]  Laptop lock

[ ]  Lunchbox

[ ]  Highlighters

[ ]  Notebooks

[ ]  Notecards

[ ]  Paper clips and binder clips

[ ]  Pens and pencils

[ ]  Ruler

[ ]  Sticky notes

[ ]  Stapler and staples

[ ]  Scissors

[ ]  Tape

[ ]  Whiteout

**Creature comforts**

Your dorm is like a you can return to when you need to take a break from the hectic college life. To that end, you want it to be as cozy and comfortable as possible. Here’s what will get you there.

[ ]  Mattress topper (memory foam is always a good choice)

[ ]  Mattress pad

[ ]  Throw blanket

[ ]  Bedside lamp

[ ]  Salt rock lamp

[ ]  Comfy robe and slippers

[ ]  Eye mask

**Clothing**

Okay, so you probably don’t need a packing list to remind you that you need to bring clothes to your dorm but packing for college can be tricky because space will be limited, so it’s important to and if you are moving to college in-state and can commute home, Now, let’s go over the basics so you don’t miss anything.

[ ]  Undergarments

[ ]  Socks

[ ]  Pajamas

[ ]  Everyday pants (including jeans and leggings)

[ ]  Everyday tops

[ ]  Activewear

[ ]  Business casual wear

[ ]  Semi-formal wear

[ ]  Rain boots

[ ]  Sneakers

[ ]  Going out clothes

[ ]  Going out shoes, including a comfortable pair of heels

[ ]  Going out purse

[ ]  Sunglasses

[ ]  Belt

[ ]  Jewelry

[ ]  Everyday purse

[ ]  Ironing board

[ ]  Sewing Kit

**Depending on where you’re going to school, you may also need**

[ ]  Jackets for multiple seasons

[ ]  Hats

[ ]  Gloves

[ ]  Scarf

[ ]  Winter boots

[ ]  Bathing suit(s)

**Documents and IDs**

Don’t forget to bring these important documents with you to college. And make sure they’re secure. Buy a small fireproof safe, keep it hidden, and don’t tell anyone where you keep it.

[ ]  Birth certificate

[ ]  Driver License

[ ]  Passport

[ ]  Student ID

[ ]  Social security card

[ ]  Banking information

[ ]  Car registration and insurance information

[ ]  Debit and credit cards

[ ]  Checkbook

[ ]  Medical and dental cards

[ ]  Financial aid paperwork

[ ]  List of emergency contacts

**Toiletries and getting ready.**

Just because you’re sharing a bathroom with 40 other people doesn’t mean you don’t still need all your own toiletries. Keep in mind that while you’ll be able to stock up as needed, it’s a good idea to bring large sizes of toiletries with you at the beginning of the year so that they last as long as possible.

**Shower**

[ ]  Shower caddy

[ ]  Shower shoes (a.k.a. flip flops)

[ ]  Shampoo

[ ]  Conditioner

[ ]  Body wash

[ ]  Loofah

[ ]  Bath towels

[ ]  Hand towels / washcloths

[ ]  Shaving cream

[ ]  Razors

[ ]  Bathrobe

**Dental**

[ ]  Toothbrush

[ ]  Toothpaste

[ ]  Floss

[ ]  Mouthwash

**Face**

[ ]  Face wash

[ ]  Face scrub

[ ]  Face masks

[ ]  Moisturizer

[ ]  Chapstick

[ ]  Tweezers

[ ]  Contacts and contact solution.

[ ]  Sunscreen (also for the body)

**Body**

[ ]  Deodorant

[ ]  Body lotion

[ ]  Tampons and/or pads

**Nails**

[ ]  Nail clippers

[ ]  Nail file

[ ]  Nail polish

[ ]  Nail polish remover

**Hair**

[ ]  Hairbrush

[ ]  Hairspray

[ ]  Straightener /flat iron

[ ]  Curling iron

[ ]  Hair ties

[ ]  Hair clips

[ ]  Hair dryer

**Cosmetics and beauty products**

[ ]  Cotton pads and/or cotton balls

[ ]  Cotton swabs

[ ]  Makeup

[ ]  Makeup remover

[ ]  Perfume

**Cleaning up**

A clean dorm room is a happy dorm room. Messes build up fast (especially when you don’t have your parents to clean up after you), so be sure to bring along some basic cleaning supplies that will help you keep on top of dirt and grime. As for the laundry, most college dorms offer free or paid communal washing and dryer machines (stock up on the quarters if it’s the paid scenario).

**College dorm room**

[ ]  Broom and dustpan

[ ]  Handheld vacuum

[ ]  Air freshening spray

[ ]  Small trashcan and bags

**Laundry/clothes**

[ ]  Laundry basket or bag

[ ]  Laundry detergent

[ ]  Stain remover

[ ]  Dryer sheets

[ ]  Fabric softener

[ ]  Folding drying rack

[ ]  Mini steamer

[ ]  Lint roller

[ ]  Quarters for laundry (if required)

**Dishes**

[ ]  Disinfecting/cleaning wipes

[ ]  Small bottle of dish soap

[ ]  Sponge

**Eating and drinking**

College dining consists mostly of cafeteria food and pizza delivery, but you’ll want to keep food items and essentials in your dorm as well for snacks and quick meals.

[ ]  Plates and bowls (two or three)

[ ]  Eating utensils (two or three sets)

[ ]  Paper towels

[ ]  Filtered water pitcher (make sure you get one that fits in your mini fridge)

[ ]  Mug (one or two)

[ ]  Travel mug

[ ]  Drinking glasses (one or two)

[ ]  Travel water bottle

[ ]  Plastic food storage containers

[ ]  Reusable sandwich bags

[ ]  Can opener

[ ]  Dorm snacks (some good ones: instant noodles, peanut butter, granola bars, dried fruit and fruit snacks, nuts, oatmeal, cereal)

[ ]  Electric kettle

[ ]  Coffee

[ ]  Tea

**Electronics**

Most kids don’t go anywhere without their favorite electronics, let alone off to college. Pick and choose the ones off this list that will make dorm life easier for you, as well as the ones that you can’t live without (and don’t forget your chargers!).

[ ]  Cell phone (and charger)

[ ]  Laptop (and charger)

[ ]  Mouse

[ ]  USB drive

[ ]  External hard drive

[ ]  Noise-canceling headphones

[ ]  Portable speaker

[ ]  Extension cords

[ ]  Surge protectors

[ ]  Flashlight

[ ]  Travel charger

[ ]  Gaming console

[ ]  Batteries

[ ]  Router

[ ]  Ethernet cable

[ ]  Camera

[ ]  Kindle reader

[ ]  Tablet