Campus Apartments: What to Bring, What to Leave Behind
Includes Cerro Vista

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Go ahead and bring the “Free to Bring” suggestions below, and talk with your roommates about items to share. Please leave prohibited items at home.

Free to Bring

- 3M adhesive hooks & strips  
  No nails.
- Bathrobe
- Bath towels
- Toiletries  
  Remember shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. Many students use a shower caddy and shower shoes or flip-flop sandals.
- Bedding and pillows  
  When buying sheets, remember all Cal Poly beds are twin extra long (XL). Students recommend a mattress topper (foam pad) for more comfort.
- Bicycle & lock
- Computer  
  Wireless internet is provided by Housing Technology Services and is available in all rooms, apartments, study rooms and lounges. Residential connectivity has unique requirements for your computer. To ensure that your computer is prepared for Internet connectivity from your room, visit the [Housing Technology Services](https://housing.calpoly.edu) website.
- Power strip with surge protector
- Cold medicine & first aid kit
- Hangers
- Important documents  
  Students need a photo ID to obtain their keys. Looking to get a job on campus? Bring an original Social Security card.
- Laundry supplies  
  For detergent, pods work best. Machines take Visa and Mastercard, debit or credit.
- LED desk lamp
- School supplies
- Small desk fan
- Small personal safe
- Snack food
- Umbrella
• Printer
  While there are printers available throughout campus, many students also enjoy the
  convenience of a printer in their room. Once they learn the name and contact info of their
  roommate, residents coordinate who will bring the printer. They then share costs on toner
  and paper.
• Kitchen Items:
  Utensils, dishes, pots, pans, can opener, oven mitts, foil, plastic wrap, spices, toaster oven,
  measuring cups and spoons, paper products, electric skillets, toasters, rice cookers, coffee
  makers, hot pots/hot plates (Hot plates and pots are allowed, but with a full kitchen they are
  not necessary)

Please Leave at Home (Prohibited Items)

• Air conditioners, space heaters
• Microwaves
  Microwaves are provided.
• Extension cords
  Instead, bring a power strip with a surge protector.
• Flammables
  This includes candles, incense, gasoline, fireworks and propane.
• Barbecues, charcoal, lighter fluid
• Furniture of any kind
  No need to bring chairs, couches or futons. Rooms come fully furnished.
• Holiday lights
• Industrial cleaning solvents
• Personal Irons
  Irons are available for loan at the front desks.
• Lofts, bed risers
  Riser kits, blocks and bricks are not permitted. Only furniture provided by University Housing
  that is designed for lofting may be lofted.
• Pets
  Pets are not permitted, with the exception of fish in an aquarium not to exceed five gallons
  per resident or 10 gallons per room.
• Storage units taller than 48"
  If you buy a storage bin before move-in, hang onto the receipt just in case you don’t have
  enough room. San Luis Obispo also has stores where you can pick up items after moving in:
  Target, Costco, Home Depot and Bed Bath and Beyond, to name a few.
• Weapons
  Air-soft guns, knives, slingshots, stun guns, BB guns, pellet guns, water guns, firearms, bow
  and arrows, ammunition, explosives or other weapons are prohibited.

• Refrigerators, freezer units
  One full-size refrigerator complete with freezer is provided in each apartment kitchen.
  Contact the Disability Resource Center at 805-756-1395 if you need a medical accommodation.