

WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND

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CAMPUS APARTMENTS

Includes Poly Canyon Village and Cerro Vista

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.

We advise you to pack light, in the event that you are required to leave campus on short notice due to updated COVID-19 response protocols.

FREE TO BRING

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Cleaners

Face coverings, gloves, disinfecting wipes, surface cleaners.

Bathrobe

Bath towels

Toiletries

Remember shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. Many students use a shower caddy and shower shoes or flip-flop sandals.

Bedding & 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 & u-lock

School supplies

Small desk fan

Small personal safes

Snack food

Umbrella

3M adhesive hooks and strips

No nails.

Hangers

Computer/tablet

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 website.

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.

Important documents

Students need a photo ID to obtain their keys. Looking to get a job on campus? Bring an original Social Security card.

Power strip with surge protector

Laundry supplies

All laundry is free on campus and detergent pods work best

Emergency Supply Kit

Include these supplies in your kit to prepare for power outages and emergencies

- Medicines (in a lockbox) & first aid kit
- Flashlight and batteries or a crank flashlight
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes, female hygiene products)
- Change of clothes
- Utensils
- Non-perishable snacks
- Portable battery powered radio

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

Space heaters are not allowed in rooms. University Housing will provide them should a heating outage occur.

Microwaves & mini-fridges

Microwaves are provided. Mini-fridges are permitted if approved by the Disability Resource Center.

Extension cords

Instead, bring a power strip with a surge protector.

Flammables

This includes candles, incense, gasoline, fireworks and propane.

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.

Industrial cleaning solvents

Plug-in decorative lighting, holiday lights

Halogen lamps, lava lamps

Personal Irons

Each laundry room will be equipped with ironing boards and irons.

Furniture of any kind

No need to bring chairs, couches or futons. Rooms come fully furnished. Keep furniture placed a sufficient distance away from electrical plugs so that the cords are not sharply bent or pressed.

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.

Barbecues, charcoal, lighter fluid

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.

Tobacco, cannabis or smoking products

Cal Poly is a smoke-free, vape-free, drug-free campus