

# WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND

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## RESIDENCE HALLS

*Includes Sierra Madre, Yosemite, South Mountain, North Mountain Halls and yak?it'u'u.*

This information is for students living in residence halls. 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.*
- Blow dryer, curling iron, hair straightener**  
*These should be used in the bathrooms rather than the residence rooms. Bathrooms have sufficient electrical outlets to accommodate these items.*
- Bicycle & U-lock**
- LED desk lamp**  
*Never cover lamps with clothing, paper, curtains, and/or anything that may burn.*

- School supplies**
- Television**
- Gaming consoles**
- Radios & stereos**
- 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.*
- Power strip with surge protector**
- Hangers**
- Small desk fan**
- Small personal safe**
- Umbrella**
- 3M adhesive hooks & strips**  
*No nails.*

- 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
- 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**  
*All laundry is free on campus and detergent pods work best.*
- 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.*

## PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME *Prohibited Items*

- Air conditioners, space heaters**
- Coffee makers**  
*Each residence hall will be equipped with a K-cup coffee maker and electric tea kettle.*
- Electric skillets, grills, toasters/toaster ovens, rice cookers, slow cookers, steamers, hot plates**
- 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.*
- Barbecues, charcoal, lighter fluid**
- Halogen lamps, lava lamps**
- Furniture of any kind**  
*No need to bring chairs, couches or futons. Rooms come fully furnished. Keep furniture placed away from electrical plugs so that the cords are not sharply bent or pressed.*
- Plug-in, decorative lighting**  
*Holiday lights are only permitted if they are LED and battery-powered.*
- Personal Irons**  
*Each laundry room will be equipped with ironing boards and irons.*
- 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.*
- Industrial cleaning solvents**
- 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.*
- 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 mini-refrigerator measuring approximately 33" x 18" x 20" with an internal freezer compartment is provided in each residence hall room.*
- Tobacco, cannabis or smoking products**  
*Cal Poly is a smoke-free, vape-free, drug-free campus*
- 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.*



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Contact the Disability Resource Center at  
805-756-1395 if you need a medical accommodation.