

Residence Halls: What to Bring, What to Leave Behind

Includes Sierra Madre, Yosemite, South Mountain, and North Mountain Halls

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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.

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](#) 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.

Please Leave at Home (Prohibited Items)

- **Air conditioners, space heaters**
- **Coffee makers**
- **Electric skillets, grills, toasters, rice cookers**
- **Hot plates, hot pots**
- **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.
- **Halogen lamps, lava lamps**
- **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 mini-refrigerator measuring approximately 33" x 18" x 20" with an internal freezer compartment is provided in each residence hall room. Contact the Disability Resource Center at 805-756-1395 if you need a medical accommodation.