

Wondering what to bring?

The lists below will give you an idea of what's already furnished in your residence hall room and also what you should bring/not bring with you to campus.

You might also wish to talk to your roommate beforehand to decide who will bring certain items (like the TV, mini fridge, microwave, iron, etc.)—a great way to avoid duplication and to save money!

Every room is furnished with:

- Beds
- Mattresses
- Desks
- Chairs
- Dressers
- Closet space for each occupant
- Wi-Fi
- Emilie Hall does not have Cable except in the 1st floor lounge area (TV cable jack in upper classmen housing)

What to bring:

- **Bedding:** Extra-long single twin sheets are a must. Also, bring your pillow, pillowcases, blankets/quilts, and duvet/comforter/bedspread.
- **Personal items:** Bring towels, an iron and mini ironing board, hair dryer, alarm clock, toiletries, and a carrying case for easy trips to the bathroom. Don't forget your allergy meds if you need them!
- **Electronics:** Talk with your roommate about who will bring the TV. Many students also bring music and gaming devices of their choosing. Other electronics you might consider include a coffee pot, UL-approved surge protector/power strip, and extension cords.
- **Something that reminds you of home:** Whether it's photos, an old stuffed animal, a quilt, or some other memento, these items will help you adjust to your new life at the University of Providence.
- **Fan:** This will provide a way for you to control your room temperature, especially in August and September when it can get hot in residence hall.
- **Dishes:** You may also want to consider bringing a set of dishes (plate, bowl, silverware, and cup) and dish soap.
- **HE laundry detergent:** All washers are high efficiency. Using regular detergent will leave soap in your clothes and cause problems with the machines. Bring detergent made for high efficiency machines.
- **Hamper or laundry bag:** You don't want to have to haul your clothes down to the laundry in a garbage bag! Some students also like to use foldable drying racks.
- **Hangers:** Bring 10 more than you think you will need.
- **Winter/rain boots with traction:** The campus can get quite muddy and snowy during the winter and spring.
- **Command strip hooks and/or sticky tack:** These are a popular choice for safely mounting items on your walls. We encourage decorating your room; it will be your new "home away from home."

- **Curtains and an adjustable rod:** If you need total darkness to sleep, you might want to pack some blackout curtains and a way to hang them.
- **Desk lamp:** Please keep in mind that halogen lamps are not permitted.
- **Reusable water bottle:** Very convenient!
- **Cleaning supplies:** Basic cleaning supplies like paper towels, Shout, Clorox wipes, etc. will help keep your room clean.
- **Microwave and refrigerator:** The fridge must be the small, energy-efficient “cube” type and a maximum of 4.5 cu. ft. Refer to the owner’s manual, as some small fridges don’t reach low enough temperatures to keep dairy products from spoiling.
- **Printer:** Even though you can print for free at the library/computer lab, it can be very convenient to print something in your residence hall.
- **School supplies:** Don’t forget your backpack or book bag, notebooks, pens, and other supplies.
- **Transportation:** If you bring a car, please note that **parking** is limited and that a (free) University of Providence vehicle permit is required. If you love riding your **bike**, then bring it with you. Your bike can be stored in your room or locked to outdoor racks (the metal U-shaped lock is encouraged). Bikes cannot be stored in stairwells or suite areas.
- **Insurance for personal property:** University of Providence is not responsible for personal belongings. Some homeowners’ policies cover student belongings in the residence halls. Ask your insurance provider about policies and/or separate coverage.
- **Considering student employment?** Appropriate identification is required and original documentation must be presented to complete the required tax forms. You will find a list of appropriate identification on page 5 of the **Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification**.

What not to bring:

- **Your entire collection of books and movies:** They’ll weigh down your luggage, and you won’t have nearly enough time to read/watch them all. Pick a few favorites, and leave the rest.
- **Couch/sofa and other furniture:** You do not have as much room in your residence hall as you may think. Many times a sofa has landed in the dumpster during move-in because someone has no place to keep it ... and no way to get it back home. Invest in a foldable chair or floor cushions so if you want to have friends in your room everyone can have a place to sit. It’s definitely not a crucial item, but it can come in handy and also make a room feel more comfortable.
- **Too many clothes:** If you haven’t worn it in the past year, you probably won’t wear it here! You also don’t need more than one gown or suit/tuxedo. They will take up lots of space in your luggage and closet, and in all likelihood, you will not go to more than one formal dance in a given year.
- **Too many knick knacks:** If your Magic 8 ball, slinky, and Legos are taking up half your desk, you’ll have a hard time using it to study.
- **Firearms or weapons of any kind:** This includes air rifles, swords, BB guns, sling shots, etc.
- **Appliances with exposed heating coils or wires:** This includes air conditioners, space heaters, electric skillets, toasters, and toaster ovens. Halogen lamps are prohibited.