

MSUM Housing & Residential Life

Moving Check List



Getting ready to leave home for a year and moving to a new place is one of the first steps in beginning this more independent stage in your life. What follows are some tips and a check list to help you manage the first of probably many moves in your life!

1. If you haven't done so yet, read your housing contract and learn its terms. Discuss the terms with your family. Come to campus as a prepared and informed consumer.
2. Notify friends and family of your new address and phone number you received with your assignment information.
3. Start thinking of how to organize packing your clothes; think seasonally if you need to maximize closet space.
4. Decide how to handle your finances; maybe decide to open a new checking account either at a hometown bank, an F-M bank or the campus Affinity Plus credit union. Develop and plan your semester budget in light of your resources for the semester.
5. Review the campus materials you've received and visit the MSUM web pages to become even more familiar with the campus layout and where various buildings and office locations are. You'll be better prepared to visit campus resources for additional information or assistance as you need it. Again - this knowledge will help you better manage this new, more independent phase of your life.
6. What do you need to bring with you?? Keep reading!

What don't you need to bring (or what's provided in your residence hall room)?

Each room is furnished with: window blinds, an individual room thermostat, phone and cable jacks, individually keyed door lock, door viewer (peephole), wastebasket and overhead light.

Each room is also provided with a bed frame and mattress, desk and chair, desk lamp, closet, and mirror per resident. **Mattresses are a standard twin size (39"x75")**, so regular twin sheets fit our beds, with the exception of East Snarr which has extra-long twin size mattresses (39"x 80").**

What things might you want to bring to begin this new year on campus?

These are *only* suggestions – certainly they are not all requirements!

“Necessities” and popular items to consider packing include:

- A plastic bucket for personal hygiene items to carry back and forth from the bathroom (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.) and rubber shower thongs
- Towels & bed linens (standard twin sized sheets**, blankets, pillows & cases)
- Clothes hangers and under-the-bed plastic storage boxes (these can't be used in Dahl with its built-in beds)
- Pieces of home (photographs, favorite books)
- Laundry basket or bag with laundry detergent and softener
- Stamps and stationery; your address book
- Personal appliances — hair dryers, curling irons, shavers; a good alarm clock/radio
- First aid supplies (bandages/band-aids, thermometer, heating pad/ice bag, over-the-counter medications)
- “Sundries” (needles and thread, scissors, safety pins, flashlight, etc.)
- Food/snack appliances — popcorn popper, coffee maker, toaster, etc.
- Seasonal clothing (if distance allows for this — closet space is *never* enough) or trunks for seasonal storage
- *Items for room décor (bed spread, area rugs, baskets, storage items, posters, pictures, stuffed animals, extra shelf units, small tables, chairs, love seats...) _____ (Some things should wait until your roommate arrives and you can talk over your tastes and how you'd like your room to look; some of the more personal items could be planned ahead.)
- *Stereo, CD/DVD player, TV, VCR, Nintendo/Sega/Playstation; CDs/DVDs/tapes;
- *Caller ID phone
- *Computer, printer
- *Small refrigerator; microwave
- *Cards, favorite games, puzzles, hobbies, recreation/sports equipment _____

You can determine the necessities you most want to bring with you at first. The extras can be added as the semester goes on.

* Asterisked items indicate that roommates might want to discuss who could bring what, since the rooms may not support duplicates of everything!

Things NOT to pack (since they're not allowed) include:

- Alcohol (including empty containers); any controlled substance
- Weapons of any kind
- Candles for burning; incense; ashtrays
- Pets (other than fish)

Remember that you cannot: loft beds in Dahl, East or West Snarr; remove university furniture from your room; or move electrical wires, glue down carpet, or in other ways modify the room structure.