What To Bring To College

Don't make the your first collegiate mistake by bringing everything you own to your residence hall. Please remember to do your research first! You may not need everything.

Business Casual & Professional Clothing
- You never know when you will need to dress up or look professional. To be prepared bring at least one nice outfit. You may find you have to dress up more often than you think. Make sure you have a white shirt/blouse.

Power Strips/ Surge Protectors
- Rooms never have enough outlets for everything that must be plugged in. Depending on what you and your roommate plan on bringing, it is a good idea to pack a few power strips that double as surge protectors. Bring along more power strips than you think you will need. Many computer components and other electrical devices use adapters that cover about three outlets but only use one.

Extra-Long TV Cable Cord
- The cable TV receptacle in your room may not be in the most convenient place. A TV cable that is 15-25’ long will give you plenty of room to work when deciding where you want to put your TV.

Debit/Credit Card (Chip Enabled)
- Our washing machines and dryers operate by card only. Don't have a bank card? Many students sign up for a Cash App card.

Air Freshener
- Bring some aerosol air freshener to combat the aroma that a residence hall room is known to cultivate.

Cordless Phone
- If you don't already have a cordless phone, you should get one for school. The portability that cordless phones offer will help to avoid confrontations between you and your roommate(s). If you want to talk on the phone while your roommate is studying or watching TV, you may have to leave the room. A cordless phone will give you the freedom to get some privacy, or give your roommate theirs.

Trunk/ Footlocker
- Trunks are great because they serve as a secure place for your stuff, a piece of furniture, and a piece of luggage for trips home.

Lock Box
- The privacy that you are accustomed to at home will not exist at school. You won't have the freedom of keeping your stuff safe by locking your bedroom door. A trunk or lock box will keep your things private and away from wandering hands and eyes. If you want to keep a lot of things locked up you should bring a steamer trunk, commonly called a footlocker. If you buy a good quality trunk it can serve as a piece of furniture as well as secure storage.

Twin XL Sheets
- College beds have their own size!

Mattress Pad
- Bulk up your comfort.

Bath Towels
- Stock up. We recommend at least five.

Blankets
- Keep cozy, just in case your roommate likes to set the room on ‘Artic Chill’

Pillows

Clothes Hangers

Alarm Clock
- Don't run out and buy the loudest alarm clock you can find! Your roommate won’t want to be blown out of bed every morning by the siren that you call an alarm clock, whenever you have to get up for an eight o’clock class. Be considerate of your roommate, and get an alarm clock with a few different alarm features. A clock radio with adjustable volume works well. There is also a new alarm clock called a "Shake Awake" that attaches to your pillow and vibrates quietly to wake you up. The Shake Awake works great and allows your roommate to keep sleeping.

Floor Lamp
- Many college residence halls have poor lighting. Some only have a single ceiling light in the middle of the room, or office-type fluorescent lighting. A tree style floor lamp allows you to aim the individual lamps in different directions to illuminate dark corners of your room.

Laundry Items
- No special tricks here! Just remember to bring laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and cash loaded onto your card.

Laundry Basket
- You should bring a laundry basket if you fold your clothes as you take them out of the dryer. Clothes tend to get wrinkled if you fold them and place them in a laundry bag. A pop-up hamper is a good alternative to a laundry basket. Pop-up hampers hold their shape when open so clothes don’t get wrinkled, and can be collapsed when not in use to save room in your closet.

Portable Iron & Mini Ironing Board
- As much as you may hate doing it, sometime during your college career you will have to iron a pair of pants or a shirt. Bring along a mini ironing board to keep in your closet so you are prepared. Portable irons are a great alternative to full-size irons. They are smaller, use less energy, and a good quality portable iron will function as well as a full-size iron.

Sewing Kit
- When a button pops off your favorite pair of pants mom won’t be there to fix it. Bring a small sewing kit with a couple needles and a few different colors of thread so you are able to fix your clothes.
- **Bathrobe** - If you will be living in a hall with community bathrooms you should bring a bathrobe. The walk back to your room after a shower can get a little chilly, not to mention a little revealing.

- **Toiletries/Hygiene Products & Toilet Paper**

- **Shower Caddy**

- **Shower Shoes** - Shower shoes will keep the fungus on the floor and off your feet!

- **Suction Hooks** - If your hall has community bathrooms, bring suction hooks to the bathroom so you will have places to hang all your things, and make sure to take them with you when you’re done.

- **Toothbrush Case** - The bathroom counters in residence halls are not nice and clean like the counters at home. Keep your toothbrush in a case to provide a sanitary barrier between whatever may be growing on the counter and the brush you stick in your mouth everyday. A case will also keep your toothbrush separate, and protected from everything else in your shower tote/basket.

- **Soap Case** - Keeping your soap in a case keeps everything in your shower tote from becoming a sudsy mess.

- **Hand Vacuum/Dust Buster** - A hand vacuum is great for minor clean up and maintenance! They are less expensive than a full-size vacuum, and don’t take up much room. A cordless hand vacuum is recommended for extra portability.

- **Microwave** - Microwaves are good to have in your room to heat up those leftovers.

- **Small Refrigerator** - Refrigerators are very convenient to have in your room.

- **Camera** - A lot of great memories will be made at college, and ten years from now you will be glad you brought a camera! If you don’t have your own camera, and would rather not fork over the cash for one right now, get a few disposable cameras. They work just as well!

- **Plastic Storage Containers** - Shop around to find the ones that are best for you. Plastic storage containers like those made by Sterilite or Rubbermaid are excellent to use in your room for storage, and as luggage to move in and out of school. Rolling carts with drawers work very well for miscellaneous storage, or as an extension of your desk or dresser. A large plastic container with a lid is great to store food items in because it will help keep your food fresh.

- **Plastic Cups, Plate & Utensils** - Plastic stuff doesn’t break easily and is a breeze to clean.

- **Poster Putty/Command Strips** - By using mounting tape, poster tape, or poster putty instead of thumbtacks or nails you will avoid making holes in your walls, and will also avoid a nice damage bill at the end of the year. Hanging posters is a job for poster putty or poster tape. Hanging heavy stuff like mirrors or clocks is a job for mounting tape. Don’t be nervous about using mounting tape, it can hold up to two pounds per square inch! If you will be hanging a tapestry in your room, super glue two pennies to each of the top corners, and use mounting tape to attach the pennies to the wall.

- **Command Hooks** - Bring adhesive hooks to give yourself more places to hang things. Put a few adhesive hooks by the door where you and your roommate can hang your keys. This will help to keep you from locking each other out of the room. When you grab your keys to leave the room, don’t lock the door if your roommate’s keys are still hanging on the hook. A few small adhesive hooks can save you a lot of big headaches!

- **Dry-Erase/Bulletin Board** - Hang a bulletin board over your desk (using mounting tape) to give yourself a place to post reminders, assignments, and pictures. Attach a dry-erase board to the outside of your door so that friends can leave you a message if they stop by and you are not there. A small dry-erase and bulletin board combination is also a good idea. This way your friends can tack stuff to your bulletin board and leave you messages on the dry-erase board.

- **Trash Can** - Bring some scented trash bags to put inside your trash can. This helps to keep your room smelling nice, makes it easier to empty your trash, and keeps the inside of your trash can clean.

- **All-Purpose Cleaner** - There will undoubtedly be a lot to clean up at school. An all-purpose cleaner is best because it can tackle multiple jobs.

- **First Aid Kit** - You don’t need a portable doctor’s office, but you should have the essentials available just in case you hurt yourself. Include things like Band-Aids, ace-bandages, antibiotic ointment, and painkillers. Tylenol PM (or something similar) is also a good thing to pack in your first aid kit.

- **Cord Organizer** - A cord organizer is something that you can wrap electrical cords around to keep them orderly and out of the way. With electrical cords running all over your room, it may start to resemble a spider’s web. It’s easy to get this many cords tangled and confused. A good cord organizer that has just recently come out is called the Cord Orb.

- **Cord Cover** - To get everything plugged in, and where you want it, you may need to run electrical cords across the floor where you can easily trip over them. Bring a
cord cover with you to put over any cords that must be run across the floor. This will keep the cords from being a nuisance, or a health hazard.

- **Fan** - Even with the luxury of air conditioning, residence halls can get very stuffy. Most rooms only have a single window, making cross-ventilation difficult. A small box fan, or stand fan will be powerful enough to circulate the air and make your room more comfortable. Because you will not want to leave a large fan running all the time you should also bring a smaller fan. Clip-on fans are very convenient because you can clip them to a shelf while you’re studying or the headboard while you’re sleeping.

- **Flashlight** - Bring a flashlight with you so you will be prepared if the power ever goes out and you’re stuck in a dark room.

- **Umbrella** - You’ll be glad you remembered to pack an umbrella when you have to walk to class in a monsoon!

- **Water Filtration Pitcher** - Using a water filtration pitcher to filter your water will make it taste better, and will remove any sediment. Filtering your water instead of buying bottled water will also save you some money.

- **Bottled Water** - Bottled water is convenient to carry with you, and many students bring bottled water even if they will be filtering tap water. The most economical way to buy bottled water is in large cases. You can usually find cases of bottled water at your local supermarket. A great alternative to bottled water that is much less expensive is a Fill & Go water bottle. A Fill & Go is made by Brita and looks like any other water bottle. What makes the Fill & Go different is that it has a small water filter inside that filters water as you drink, just like the large pitchers! You can carry this water bottle with you, fill-up at any water fountain, and it will taste like bottled water!

- **Hand Truck & Bungee Cords** - A hand truck and a few Bungee cords will save your back and your time on move-in day!

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- Pets
- Electric Frying Pan
- Ceiling Fan
- Toaster Oven
- Hot Plates
- Candles
- Deep Fryer
- Incense
- Electric Heater
- Toaster
- George Foreman Grill (Any Version)

### Mailing Information

The mailing address is as follows:

- **Student’s Name**
- **Residence Hall Name & Room Number**
- **Livingstone College**
- **701 West Monroe Street**
- **Salisbury, NC 28144**

Once you receive your mailbox number it can be added to the mailing address.

UPS & Fed X Services make deliveries on campus Monday – Friday only.

### For Security Reasons

All items should have a serial number on them. Please make sure to write all of your serial numbers down and give a copy to your Residence Hall Director upon arrival for check in to the residence hall. These serial numbers will be on file in the hall and with Campus Security for identification purposes. Please make sure you write your name in permanent marker on all items. Please consider purchasing renter’s insurance.

For further information you may call the Office of Residence Life: (704) 216-6821.