***The Ultimate College Packing List*** by Wendi Ostroff 4/21

This list is geared for freshman/first year/transfer students heading away to college. It has everything you can think of, and then some. When you customize this list, be sure to:

1) Check in with your roommate about certain shared items (labeled below)

2) Check school website for updated information regarding what is provided/prohibited in dorm room

3) Determine what you already have before you run to the store or start shopping online

*Categories and items listed alphabetically*

Bathroom:

* Bathrobe
* Contact lens solution
* Cosmetics/make-up
* Cotton balls
* Curling/flat iron
* Dental floss
* Deodorant
* Eyeglasses/case
* Feminine supplies
* Flip flops/shower shoes
* Hairbrush/comb
* Hair accessories
* Hair dryer
* Lip balm
* Lotion (hand/body)
* Nail clippers
* Q-tips
* Razor
* Shampoo/conditioner
* Shaving cream
* Shower caddy
* Soap (hand/body)
* Tissues
* Toothbrush/toothpaste
* Towels (hand, wash & bath, 2-3 each)
* Tweezers
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Bedding:

* Allergy mattress encasing (XL twin)
* Bed sheets (XL twin)
* Comforter
* Extra blanket

***Bedding continued-***

* Mattress pad
* Pillows/pillowcases
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Clothes:

* Belts
* College apparel
* Dress clothes for special events/interviews
* Exercise/sports clothing
* Gloves
* Hats (different seasons)
* Jackets (light, rain, warmer)
* Jeans/pants
* Jewelry/watch
* Pajamas
* Rain/snow boots
* Scarves
* Shirts (long sleeve/short sleeve)
* Shoes (including dress shoes)
* Shorts
* Slippers
* Sneakers
* Socks
* Sweaters
* Sweatshirts
* Swim suits
* Underwear
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Dorm room:

* Bed risers (gain extra under bed storage)

***Dorm room continued-***

* Decorative area rug *(check with roommate)*
* Desk or clip-on lamp
* Dry erase board or bulletin board and accessories (markers, eraser, pushpins)
* Hand vacuum or dust buster *(check with roommate)*
* Hangers
* Microwave & fridge *(check with roommate)*
* Over-the-door hooks
* Photos of friends/family/pets
* Small trash can for under desk
* Under the bed storage containers
* Wall décor/posters
* Wall calendar
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Electronics:

* Alarm clock
* Ethernet cable (check if needed)
* Earbuds/headphones
* Extension cord
* Fan
* Laptop/case/charger
* Mouse/mouse pad
* Phone charger
* Portable phone charger

***Electronics continued-***

* Power strip
* Printer/paper/ink *(check with roommate)*
* Small flashlight
* Speakers
* Surge protector
* USB flash drive
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Food/Kitchen:

* Can/bottle opener
* Cereal
* Coffee/tea/hot chocolate
* Chip clips
* Cup/plate/bowl
* Dishwashing soap
* Dried fruit/nuts/trail mix
* Food storage containers
* Instant soups/oatmeal
* Insulated travel mug
* Paper towels
* Popcorn
* Protein/granola bars
* Reusable water bottles
* Salt/pepper
* Sponge
* Utensils
* Ziploc bags
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Laundry:

* Coins for washer/dryer
* Detergent
* Dryer sheets
* Laundry basket or bag
* Lint roller
* Stain remover
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Medical:

* Allergy/cold/flu meds
* Aspirin or Ibuprofen
* Antibiotic ointment
* Band-aids
* Bug repellant

***Medical continued-***

* Cough drops
* Decongestant
* First aid kit
* Hand sanitizer
* Pepto Bismol/Tums
* Prescription medication (and prescription)
* Retainer/mouth guard
* Sunscreen
* Vitamins
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Miscellaneous:

* Backpack or book bag
* Bank account set-up
* Batteries
* Debit/credit card
* Deck of cards
* Driver’s license
* Earplugs
* Folder for important documents
* Frisbee/sports items
* List of emergency and family contacts
* Medical insurance card
* Overnight bag
* Safety whistle
* Small sewing kit
* Sunglasses
* Umbrella
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School Supplies:

* Calculator
* Erasers
* File folders & regular folders
* Glue stick
* I>clicker (if needed)
* Index cards
* Notebooks (college ruled)
* Paper clips
* Pencil holder
* Pencil sharpener
* Post-its (big/small)
* Ruler

***School supplies continued-***

* Stapler/staples
* Scissors
* Tape (scotch tape and other for wall mounting)
* Three-hole punch
* Writing utensils:
  + Highlighters
  + Markers/colored pencils
  + Mechanical and regular pencils
  + Pens
  + Sharpie
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* *Print this list*
* *Look around for what you already have at home and mark it off*
* *Make space in your room for things you start to accumulate and pack them in a box now*
* *Label your boxes*
* *Arrive for move-in day on time, or early*
* *Remember dorm rooms can be small so try not to over pack*
* *If driving, can leave clothes on hangers and cover with a garbage bag that has hole cut out on the top*
* *If you forget something, it’s OK. Can always have something shipped or get on next trip home*
* *If you have access to a dolly, it will be helpful unloading car*
* *Allow your family to help you unpack, get organized, and settle in*