Tips & Hints for a Smooth Move-in

Your Roommate

It is a good idea to contact your roommate before move-in so the two of you can get to know each other and make sure the year starts off on a positive note:

- Call your roommate, introduce yourself, and get to know each other a little so it won’t be as awkward on your first day.
- Plan who’s going to bring shared items like a TV, DVD player, Wii, etc.
- If there are some shared items neither of you has, plan on a shopping trip your first week of school so you can split the shopping list.
- Decide who’s taking which bed (left side or right side) so there aren’t any surprises when you get to campus.

Deal with the Living Details

It isn’t just about packing boxes and shopping for necessities. You need to prepare for living on your own, too:

- **Health insurance.** Radford University requires that you have medical insurance. Before arriving, make sure you’re covered under your parents’ policy (verify out-of-state coverage if you’re coming to us from outside of Virginia) or that you have your own. Make sure that you have all of your insurance information for your room. Copy insurance cards, etc. You can also refer to the Dean of Students website for information on obtaining health insurance to be used in emergencies.
- **Renters insurance.** Radford does not provide residents with insurance so you won’t be covered if there is a fire, flood or other occurrence which can destroy your stuff. Look into getting renter’s insurance. Policies are typically very inexpensive. If your parents/guardians are homeowners, ask if your room is covered under their homeowners insurance. In many cases, you might already be covered.
- **Money.** If you bank with a national chain, find a branch and a few ATMs close to campus so you can get cash without being hit with fees. You may want to check out our local banks and set up an account when you get here if you don’t have an account or use a local bank at home. You can find ATMs from Wachovia, SunTrust, and BB&T banks on campus and there are many banks within walking distance from campus, too.
- **Valuables.** Mark all of your valuables with unique information so it can be identified in case it is lost/stolen and recovered. Your name or driver’s license number is unique and can help the police find you if they recover it. Avoid putting personal information such as your address or social security number.

Some Ideas of What to Bring With You

**Bed & Bath**

- Fan *(very important if you won’t have AC)*
- Alarm clock
- Egg crate foam mattress pad
- Bedside lamp
- Blankets
- Comforter
- Sheets and pillow cases (extra long sheets)
- Towels
- Hangers
- Laundry bag/basket
- Laundry detergent and fabric softener
- Pillows
- Stain remover
- Iron and ironing board
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Desk & Office Supplies

☐ Dry erase board/calendar
☐ Desk lamp
☐ Flash drive
☐ Hanging files and folders
☐ Highlighters
☐ Labels
☐ Notebooks and folders
☐ Paper clips and rubber bands

☐ Pens and pencils
☐ Pencil sharpener
☐ Post-it notes
☐ Printer paper and toner
☐ Ruler and scissors
☐ Stapler and staples
☐ Trash can
☐ External hard drive to back up your data

Electronics

(Check with your roommate on the shared stuff so you don’t both bring the same thing.)

☐ Cell phone charger
☐ Computer/laptop
☐ Lock for your computer/laptop
☐ Ethernet cable
☐ TV/DVD player
☐ iPod or mp3 player

☐ iPod dock
☐ Printer
☐ Surge protector
☐ Wii, Xbox or Playstation
☐ Flashlight
☐ Batteries

Storage & Tools

☐ Adhesive hooks (3M Command, etc.)
☐ Plastic storage bins

☐ Poster tape
☐ Tool kit (screwdriver, wrench, etc.)

Toiletries

☐ Personal items
☐ Hair products
☐ Razors, shaving cream, aftershave
☐ Shampoo, conditioner
☐ Shower tote
☐ Soap
☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
☐ Aspirin, ibuprofen, etc.
☐ Band-aids, Neosporin
☐ Brush and comb

☐ Cologne/perfume
☐ Cough drops
☐ Dental floss
☐ Hair dryer
☐ Lotion/moisturizer
☐ Nail clippers, tweezers
☐ Q-tips
☐ Vitamins
☐ Shower curtain

What to Leave at Home

- Check out the Student Handbook about what items to leave at home. In general, the following types of items aren’t allowed:
  - Extension cords or multi-plug adaptors that do not have a built-in breaker and UL listing.
  - Candles or items with an open flame
  - Hot plates, Foreman grills or other items that create a hot surface
  - Pets other than fish, aquatic turtles or aquatic frogs.