

First-Year Student Packing Guide

Use this checklist to make sure you have everything you need for your first year at Boston College. Students are encouraged to pack lightly for the fall semester, bringing essential items only. These are just suggestions, you should adapt this list to suit your own situation. To save packing and shipping, it might make sense to buy some of these items after you arrive. Additionally, consider packing for one season at a time and switch items during semester breaks.

TAKE IT

(popular item to pack)

- Extra-long twin sheets
- Bed linens, blankets, pillows
- Enclosed mattress pad (Egg crates/plain foam are prohibited)
- Towels
- Shower sandals
- Bucket/tote for toiletries
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Calendar, planner, school supplies
- Cleaning supplies
- Small vacuum
- Small fan
- Desk lamp (LED preferred)
- Television
- Single serve coffee maker (internal heat source)
- Power strip with external on/off switch (recommended at least a 6ft cord)
- Hangers
- Blue painters tape
- Under-bed storage
- Holiday lights (LED/UL, Two strands per room)
- Microwave (max 800 watts) and mini-fridge (max 3.3 cubic feet)- Microfridges are available for rent
- Iron with automatic shut off and ironing board
- Headphones
- Reusable Masks
- Thermometers

LEAVE IT

(prohibited items)

- Non-university mattresses & furniture
- Candles, hookahs, incense, and other sources of open flames
- Space heaters
- Electric blankets
- Air conditioning units
- Extension cords/Multi-outlet adapters
- Barbeque grills
- Lamps with more than three arms
- Hover boards
- High voltage microwave (over 800 watts)
- Full-size refrigerator (over 3.3 cubic feet)
- Hot plate
- Toaster/toaster oven
- Electric frying pan
- Sandwich grill/wa-e iron
- Coffee Makers with external heating sources
- Real or toy weapons
- Alcohol, drugs, and related paraphernalia
- Tobacco products (We are a smoke free Campus)

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