

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
- Microwave and mini-fridge
 - Microfridges are available for rent
- Bucket/tote for toiletries
- Iron and ironing board
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Small vacuum
- Calendar/planner
- Small fan
- Desk lamp
- Television
- Surge protector power strip
- Hangers
- Blue painters tape
- Under-bed storage
- Holiday lights
 - Two strands and LED/UL only
- Headphones
- Reusable Masks
- Thermometers

LEAVE IT

(prohibited items)

- Non-university mattresses
- Candles, hookahs, incense, and other sources of open flames
- Space heaters
- Heating blankets
- Air conditioning units
- Extension cords
- Barbeque grills
- Lamps with more than three arms
- Hover boards
- High voltage microwave
 - May bring one if 800W or less
- Full-size refrigerator
- Hot plate
- Toaster/toaster oven
- Electric frying pan
- Sandwich grill/waffle iron
- Coffee Makers
- Real or toy weapons
- Alcohol, drugs, and related paraphernalia
- Tobacco products
 - Boston College is a smoke free campus

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