RESIDENCE HALL PACKING GUIDE
What to Bring and What to Leave Behind

Packing for your first big move away can be overwhelming to say the least. With this guide, we’ll help break it down so you’ll feel right at home as soon as you move in. It’s important to understand that this guide is meant to be a useful tool. You may not need all of the items listed, but we hope it gives you some ideas. There’s no need to worry if you forget something! You can easily purchase items from the store in Lock Haven or order missing items once you are settled in on campus. Don’t forget to talk to your roommate about items you are planning to bring. Please do not use lists provided by stores or found online. They often contain items prohibited in our residence halls.

**ROOM ESSENTIALS**
- Seasonal clothing, athletic wear, pajamas, swimsuit
- Business attire (for presentations or interviews)
- Shoes, slippers, rain boots
- Hangers
- Bedsheets
- Pillows & pillowcases
- Bedspread
- Mattress protector/pad/topper
- Laundry basket, detergent, stain remover
- Small trash can/recycling bin
- Umbrella

**BATH NECESSITIES**
- Shower tote/caddy
- Bathrobe
- Flip flops/shower shoes
- Towels
- Personal hygiene products/toiletries
- Hair brush, hair products, styling tools

**HEALTH CARE**
- Prescriptions & OTC medicines
- Pain reliever
- Adhesive bandages
- Thermometer
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer

**STUDY SUPPLIES**
- Backpack/book bag
- Planner
- Pens & pencils
- Highlighters
- Envelopes & stamps
- Lots of notecards
- Notebooks, paper tablets
- Binders, folders
- Stapler and tape
- Sticky notes

Pack Mostly In-Season Clothes
Lock Haven weather can be a little unpredictable when the seasons change. Bringing a few items for each season is a good way to be prepared, but don’t bring your entire wardrobe. Semester breaks are the perfect opportunity to rotate things out helping you avoid over-packing.
- **Important Documents**
  - Government-issued photo ID
  - Social security card or birth certificate
  - Banking information
  - Medical insurance cards
  - Personal property insurance

- **Decorative Extras**
  - Throw pillows, blankets
  - Area rug
  - Full-length mirror
  - Photos
  - Posters & wall art
  - Curtains and tension rod
  - Bulletin board/dry-erase board
  - Calendar
  - Removable hanging hooks
  - Non-permanent wall adhesives
  - Lamp

- **Electrical Items**
  - Alarm clock
  - Mini/micro fridge (5-cubic feet max.)*
  - Microwave
  - Single-cup coffee maker with auto shutoff
  - Hot water kettle with auto shutoff
  - Fan
  - Surge-protected power strip
  - Smart TV, gaming console
  - Phone charger, phone dock
  - Headphones
  - Extra headphones
  - Computer/laptop/tablet and Ethernet cable*

- **Kitchen Comforts**
  - Snacks, beverages
  - Plate, bowl
  - Cup, mug
  - Silverware
  - Can opener
  - Water filter or pitcher
  - Storage bags or microwavable containers
  - Cookware (small pot/pan/cookie sheet), utensils

- **Cleaning Basics**
  - Disinfectant wipes/sprays
  - Paper towels
  - Small vacuum or broom/dust pan
  - Small trash bags
  - Dish soap, sponges
  - Storage containers/bins

* Each residence hall has a communal kitchen equipped with a standard kitchen refrigerator available to all residents. Campus Village apartments are equipped with a standard kitchen refrigerator.

* The multiple computer labs on campus make bringing a personal computer convenient but unnecessary unless required by a specific class or academic program.

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**Consider Personal Property Insurance**

Personal property insurance protects your belongings against damage or loss. Commonwealth University partners with National Student Services, Inc. (NSSI) to provide coverage plans designed specifically for students living in university residence halls featuring low deductibles and affordable premiums. The university is not responsible for personal property damaged due to loss, fire, theft, flooding, or other reasons.
FAIRVIEW SUITES TIPS

Fairview Suites residents are responsible for stocking and cleaning their in-suite bathroom. Consider packing the following bathroom essentials:

- Shower curtain (liner and hooks provided)
- Bathroom floor rug/mat
- Hand soap and hand towel
- Toothbrush holder
- Toilet paper
- Toilet plunger
- Bathroom cleaning supplies

Moving in to a private suite? Don’t forget about the unfurnished common area! How you use this space is up to you and your suitemate. Popular ideas include:

- Creating a study space with a table and chairs
- Setting up a gaming space with a short sofa, TV stand, and coffee table
- Using the built-in countertop (34” high) for a snack station

WHAT’S PROVIDED

Regardless of where you live on campus, you’ll find the following furniture per resident:

- Bunk-able bed frame and mattress
  * Standard twin in traditional halls and Campus Village, XL-twin in Fairview Suites
- Chest of drawers
- Desk and chair
- Wardrobe or built-in closet space
  * Smith Hall closets do not have doors. You may want to bring a tension rod and curtain for the opening (approximately 46” x 80”)
  * Residents share a walk-in closet in Campus Village
- Carpeted bedrooms (except in traditional halls)
- Window blinds or roller shades
- Mirror (size varies depending on facility)
- Towel bars

Additional Features:

- Standard twin in traditional halls and Campus Village, XL-twin in Fairview Suites

CAMPUS VILLAGE TIPS

Campus Village residents experience the joys and responsibilities of independence apartment living complete with a full kitchen and bathroom. This includes stocking and cleaning their kitchen, living area, and bathroom. Consider packing the following items.

Bathroom:

- Shower curtain (liner and hooks provided)
- Bathroom floor rug/mat
- Hand soap and hand towel
- Toothbrush holder
- Toilet paper
- Toilet plunger
- Bathroom cleaning supplies

Kitchen:

- Cutlery
- Plates and bowels
- Mugs and cups/glasses
- Sharp knife and cutting board
- Utensils (wooden spoon, ladle, tongs, spatula, etc.)
- Frying pan and saucepan (with lids)
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Colander or Sieve
- Oven mitts
- Dish drainer
- Recipes, spices, and other cupboard essentials

Living Area:

A round kitchen table with four chairs is provided for the kitchen, but the living area is unfurnished. Consider bringing a small sofa/futon, coffee table, and entertainment stand. A tile floor runs throughout the kitchen and living area so you may want an area rug, too.

Shipping Items to Campus

Packages shipped to the Lock Haven campus must be delivered AFTER move-in. Be sure to indicate the delivery date to your shipper. Your campus mailing address is below. Make sure you substitute in your personal information for the underlined examples.

John Doe
Smith Hall Room 168, Box 97
401 N Fairview Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Look up your room and mailbox numbers on the Housing & Dining Self Service home page after completing Housing Selection for New Students.
WHAT NOT TO BRING

For the safety of yourself, your fellow residents, and our residential facilities, the following items are prohibited in our traditional residence halls, Fairview Suites, and Campus Village:

- Alcohol and alcohol bottles (including empty bottles) regardless of purpose
- Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia
- Extension cords, power strips, electrical outlet extender/adapters without an internal fuse/circuit breaker AND reset switch
- Candles, used or decorative
- Incense and incense burners
- Wax warmers and oil diffusers with tealight or hot plate
- Drip coffee makers that use a hot plate
- Cooking appliances with an open or exposed heating element/surface including, but not limited to, toaster, toaster oven, hot plate, electric grill, sandwich press
  - Permitted in Campus Village
- Cooking appliances that use high pressure steam (i.e. pressure cookers, Instant Pot) and deep fryers
- Non-University owned space heaters
- Firecrackers, fireworks, and other explosives
- Pets other than tropical, freshwater fish in a tank 10-gallon or less*
- Weapons and weapon replicas including, but not limited to, firearms, taser/stun guns, Orbeez gel blasters, BB/Airsoft/paintball guns, non-folding knives with a blade over 3” in length, switchblades, double-edged blades, crossbows/bows and arrows
- Window air conditioners
  - Permitted in Campus Village
  - 10,000 BTU floor model AC units may be used in Smith Hall
- Weightlifting equipment
  - Hand weights, 10-pound or smaller, allowed
- Halogen lights
- Dartboards with steel-tipped darts
- Amplified instruments
- Hoverboards, self-balancing scooters, anything containing a gasoline motor of any type
- Internet switches, routers, hubs, wireless hubs, etc.
- Any item that could damage property/facilities, cause personal injury, or prohibit safety equipment from properly functioning.

A Note About Pets

Students living in pet-friendly residence halls may have a pet other than fish. Students must submit an application for approval and registration BEFORE bringing a pet to campus. The Pet-Friendly Residence Hall policy defines allowable pets as one cat OR one dog OR two caged mammals (rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, and guinea pigs) per room. Cats and dogs are subject to strict guidelines concerning species, breed, age, and size. For information regarding service animals or emotional support animals (ESA), contact the Office of Disability Services at 570-484-2665 or disability_services@lockhaven.edu.

Guide to Campus Living at Lock Haven University

Be sure to thoroughly read through the community standards in our Guide to Campus Living. We expect that you will abide by these standards and guidelines included in this document as well as our Student Code of Conduct. Find it by scanning the QR code or typing bit.ly/3KWh1ZD into your internet browser.

Leave LED Light Strips at Home

While not expressly prohibited, we strongly discourage residents from decorating their rooms, suites, and apartments with LED light strips. The adhesive backing on these light strips will peel the paint off the walls and damage the sheetrock when you remove them. Should this happen, you will be billed $100 per damaged wall.

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