

# College Checklist #3: Logistical Preparation

With your mind and your wallet set right, it's time to get your brain in college preparation mode. The actual process of leaving your family home, moving into your dorm, gathering all your supplies, meeting new people, attending welcome events, and getting to classes on time can be stressful.

Here are some tips to making move-in feel less like a juggling act and more like an event to remember:

- Tour the dorms before move in.
- Contact your roommate WAY ahead of time and decide who's bringing what.
- Look into stores that ship to dorms.
- Know where the local stores are near the dorm for last minute forgotten items and don't forget to ask for a college student discount!
- Get to the dorms as soon as you can on Arrival Day. Parking for unloading can get messy.
- Bring snacks to help you power through the move.
- Accept your family's help to move in and arrange the room. This will give you more time to say goodbyes and to attend Welcome Week events.
- Pack as light as possible, but know your situation. If you're at a rural school without a car, you'll want to bring all the small items you can think of. If you're at a school in the city or have a car, you can pick things up as needed.
- Keep your bedding ready
- Have a dusting cloth in hand.