

College Packing Guide

Questions?
Email Residence Life

A practical checklist for what to bring, what to coordinate with your roommate, and what to leave at home before moving into McMurry campus housing.

Move-in packing made simple

Start with the essentials, coordinate shared items with your roommate, and avoid bringing prohibited items. Pack for one semester at a time when possible.

Pack reasonably

Bring what you need for the semester. Many students find they packed more than they realistically use.

Twin XL bedding

Residence hall beds use Twin XL sheets. Bring sheets, pillowcases, blanket, comforter, and mattress pad.

Mini-fridge limit

Refrigerators may be up to 3.5 cubic feet. Coordinate with your roommate before move-in.

Coordinate shared items

Microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, rugs, and room decor should be discussed with your roommate first.

What to expect

McMurry Provides

- Room furniture: bed, desk, desk chair, dresser, and mirror above the sink
- Internet, cable TV hookups, and utilities
- Community kitchen
- Laundry facilities
- Study room
- Lobby/common area with tables, chairs, big screen TV, and gaming tables
- Each student receives a personal laptop

Coordinate with Roommate

- Bulletin board or whiteboard
- Microwave - one per room permitted
- Refrigerator - max 3.5 cubic feet
- Coffee maker
- Shower curtain
- Room decor or art - non-permanent only
- Speaker, television, audio, or sound system
- Area rug - 8 ft x 10 ft or smaller
- Mini trash can and bags
- Plunger
- Printer - optional; campus printers are available

Your Packing Checklist

Use this checklist as a starting point and adjust based on your room assignment, roommate plans, and personal routine.

Toiletries, Beauty & Hygiene

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses, contacts, and supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Body lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription and over-the-counter medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail clippers and tweezers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Cologne or perfume |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss | <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving cream and razors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair brush or comb | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower shoes or flip-flops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo and conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair dryer or styling tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower caddy - optional storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face and bath soap | |

Clothing

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch, jewelry, and accessories | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts, t-shirts, sweaters, tops, or blouses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear and socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Light and heavy jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants, jeans, sweats, leggings, or shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dresses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belts | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes, sneakers, flip-flops, rain boots, or slippers | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves, hats, or scarves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain coat | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping mask |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas or bathrobe | |

Classroom & Desk Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors and tape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calculator | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper clips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash drive or USB | <input type="checkbox"/> Stackable trays or desk trays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook and paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Sticky notes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler and staples | <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pens, pencils, and highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folders and ruler | |

Room, Laundry & Kitchen Checklist

Dorm Room Organization & Desk Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock | <input type="checkbox"/> Desk lamp and light bulb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Fan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charging cords, adapters, HDMI, and cables | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini toolkit - screwdriver, hammer, wrench |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headphones | <input type="checkbox"/> Surge protector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension cords | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storage bins or under-bed storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Books, games, and entertainment |

Cleaning, Linens & Laundry

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Twin XL bedding - sheets, pillowcases, blanket, comforter, and mattress pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Facial tissue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-purpose cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry detergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror spray | <input type="checkbox"/> Fabric softener and dryer sheets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag or basket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels or rags | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini sewing kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes hangers | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet tissue | |

Kitchen

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass, cup, or water bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Dishes, plastic ware, and napkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can opener or bottle opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage bags or containers |

Do Not Bring

For student comfort and safety, the following items should not be brought to campus housing. Items may be confiscated and may result in judicial action.

Restricted or Prohibited Items

- AC window units or ceiling fans
- Alcohol or illegal drugs
- Brashear or torchiere-style lamps with halogen bulbs
- Concrete blocks or bricks to loft beds
- Refrigerators larger than 3.5 cubic feet
- Pets, except small fish aquariums
- Shot glasses, wine glasses, or alcohol bottles - even decorative or empty
- Wireless routers or similar devices
- Sub-woofers or overly large speakers
- Open flame or things that burn - candles, incense, fireworks, sparklers, smoke bombs
- Flammable liquids or chemicals
- Items with heating elements - toasters, broilers, skillets, hot plates, space heaters, kerosene or oil lamps, alcohol burners
- Traffic and road signs
- Weapons, including firearms, knives, paint-ball, airsoft or pellet guns, water-balloon launchers, slingshots, or explosives

Nearby Shopping

Distances are approximate and are included to help with move-in planning.

Store	Address	Distance
Bible Hardware	333 Walnut Street	2.6 miles
Home Depot	4590 Southwest Drive	3.9 miles
JCPenney	4310 Buffalo Gap - Mall of Abilene	2.1 miles
Lowe's	4134 Ridgemont Drive	1.9 miles
Target	3710 Ridgemont Dr	2.4 miles
Sam's	5550 S. Clack Street	2.9 miles
Walmart Supercenter	4350 Southwest Drive	3.6 miles
HEB	1345 Barrow @ 14th Street	0.8 miles
Market Street	4450 Buffalo Gap	1.6 miles
United Supermarket	3301 S. 14th Street	1.3 miles

Pharmacy	Address	Distance
CVS	4580 Buffalo Gap	2.9 miles
CVS	1010 N. Willis Street	3.1 miles
Drug Emporium	2550 Barrow Street	1.6 miles
Walgreens	3033 S. 14th Street	0.8 miles

Residence Hall Measurements

Measurements are approximate. Use them to plan bedding, electronics, rugs, and storage. Coordinate with your roommate before purchasing shared items.

Measurement	Hunt	Martin
Floor	12 ft 4 in x 14 ft 6 in	14 ft 5 in x 12 ft 2 in
Area rug	8 ft x 10 ft or smaller	8 ft x 10 ft or smaller
Refrigerator space	27 in x 33 in - max 3.5 cu. ft.	28 in x 34 in - max 3.5 cu. ft.
Microwave space	27 in x 15.5 in	28 in x 15 in
Music/gaming space	27 in x 10 in	28 in x 10 in
TV space	17 in x 23 in - max 24 in TV	28 in x 23 in - max 24 in TV
Closet	20 in x 22 in - 8 in shelf	20 in x 22 in - 8 in shelf
Bed	Twin XL - bunked or lofted	Twin XL - bed height 21 in
Lofted bed space	6 ft 9 in x 3 ft 1 in; max height 4 ft 6 in	Beds can be bunked but not lofted
Window	Not listed	57 in x 64 in

Final reminder: When in doubt, pack less, coordinate with your roommate, and email Residence Life before bringing questionable items.