

RESIDENCE HALL PACKING GUIDE

What You COULD Bring and What You MUST Leave At Home!

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 stores 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



STUDY SUPPLIES

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



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



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



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

Lock Haven's Media Services & Equipment Desk and the multiple computer labs on campus make bringing a personal computer convenient but unnecessary unless required by a specific class or academic program. For more information about borrowing laptops and other equipment from Media Services, please contact Stevenson Library.



CLEANING BASICS

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



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



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

Each residence hall has a communal kitchen equipped with a standard kitchen refrigerator, stovetop/oven, and microwave available to all residents. Campus Village apartments are equipped with a standard kitchen refrigerator.



Consider purchasing personal property insurance to protect your belongings against damage or loss. Commonwealth 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

Additional Features:

- Carpeted bedrooms (except in traditional halls)
- Window blinds or roller shades
- Mirror (size varies depending on facility)
- Towel bars



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 a 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 bowls
- 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 must be delivered on or after the first day of classes. Be sure to indicate the delivery date to your shipper. Your mailing address is:

Your Name
Residence Hall Name, Room #, Box #
401 N Fairview Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Find your room and mailbox numbers in MyHousing Self Service!

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:

- X Alcohol, drugs, and drug paraphernalia
- X Decorative alcohol containers
- X Extension cords, power strips, electrical outlet extenders/adapters, etc. unless they have an internal fuse/circuit breaker AND reset switch
- X Adhesive light strips/LED tape light strips
- X Candles, used or decorative
- X Incense and incense burners
- X Wax warmers and oil diffusers with tealight or hot plate
- X Cooking appliances with an open or exposed heating element/surface including, but not limited to, traditional drip coffee makers, toaster, toaster oven, hot plate, electric grill, sandwich press, waffle maker, etc. (permitted in Campus Village)
All students may have the following kitchen appliances in their room, suite, or apartment: microwave, mini/micro fridge (5-cubic feet max.), air fryer, hot air popcorn popper, hot water kettle with automatic shut off, blender, rice cooker, slow cooker.
- X Cooking appliances that use high pressure steam (i.e. pressure cookers, Instant Pot) and deep fryers (prohibited in all halls including Campus Village)
- X Non-University owned space heaters
- X Firecrackers, fireworks, and other explosives
- X Pets other than tropical, freshwater fish in a tank 15-gallon or less*
- X 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
- X Window air conditioners (permitted in Campus Village; free-standing, portable AC units 6,000 BTUs or less permitted in Smith Hall)
- X Weightlifting equipment (hand weights, 10-pound or smaller, permitted)
- X Halogen lights
- X Dartboards with steel-tipped darts
- X Amplified instruments
- X Self-balancing hoverboards, scooters, etc. and anything containing a gasoline motor of any type
- X Internet switches, routers, hubs, wireless hubs, etc.
- X Any item that could damage property/facilities, cause personal injury, or prohibit safety equipment from properly functioning.

Pet-Friendly Residence Halls


Lock Haven's Pet-Friendly Residence Hall Policy allows students living in pet-friendly residence halls the privilege of bringing their long-term pet to campus. The policy defines allowable pets as one cat OR one dog OR two caged mammals (rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, and guinea pigs) per room. No other pet types will be considered at this time. Cats and dogs are subject to strict guidelines concerning species, breed, age, size, and length of ownership. **All pets (excluding fish) must be registered and approved by the Housing and Residence Life Office BEFORE arriving on campus.**


Students that require assistance animals may contact University Disability Services for more information.

Lock Haven's Guide to Campus Living


Be sure to thoroughly read through the community standards in our [Guide to Campus Living](#) as well as the Student Code of Conduct described in the [Student Handbook](#). We expect that you will abide by these standards and guidelines.

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Do not use nails, thumb tacks, or any other hanging aid that creates a hole in the wall. You may use adhesive hooks, mounting squares, adhesive stripes, tapes, etc. but please note you do so at your own risk. You must remove these hanging aids and adhesives before vacating your assigned space. Failure to remove them or improperly removing them in a manner that damages the paint and/or wall may result in significant damage charges.