What to Bring/Not Bring List

What’s included in a typical room
- Twin extra-long bed and mattress per person
- Desk (2)
- Chair (2)
- Dresser (1 large to share or 2 small dressers)
- Shared closest space
- Wireless and Ethernet internet access
- Cable television access
- Local phone service
- Recycling bin

Things to Bring
You know the basics to bring – clothes, a computer, linens and towels, school supplies, toiletries, posters and pictures, etc. – but here are some additional things to think about.

Bathroom & Laundry Essentials
- Bath towel
- Hangers for clothes
- Iron with auto shut off and board
- Laundry detergent/stain remover
- Laundry bag or basket
- Rubber flip flops for showers
- Shampoos and soaps
- Shower caddy/tote
- Toilet paper (for suite bathrooms)
- Toothpaste and brush

Cleaning & Organization
- Basic cleaning supplies (suites – don’t forget something for the bathroom)
- Closet organizer
- Desk organizer
- Envelopes and stamps
- Footlocker, storage box or trunk
- Garbage bags
- Office supplies like scissors, stapler, rubber bands, tape, etc.
- Storage boxes or crates (stackable!)
- Trash can (can request one from WMU too)
- Vacuum (or check it out at the front desk)

Clothing, Bedding & Accessories
- Bathrobe
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Extra-long twin sheets/blankets
- Mattress pad
- Umbrella/rain boots - walking around campus in the rain or soggy shoes isn’t always fun
- Winter gear (gloves, hats, scarves, boots)

Food Stuff
- Can opener
- Coffee cup/mug
- Coffee maker (styles like Keurig with enclosed heating elements are approved)
- Dishes: a few plates, silverware, cups, storage containers
- Dish soap
- Filtered water pitcher
- Paper towels, napkins
- Salt and pepper
- Snacks
- Water bottle

Personal Items
- Alarm clock (2 if you need them!)
- Banking information
- Batteries
- Extra copies of personal keys
- Hand sanitizer
- Medicine (prescription and over-the-counter meds)
- Photo ID or passport
- Small first aid kit
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Tissues
- Toiletries
- Vital documents – insurance cards, Social Security card (original or copies)

Tip: Bring one or two things for any type of weather, but don’t bring a four-season wardrobe. Rotate things out as seasons change.

Room Comforts
- Cable cord/coax cable
- Carpet or rug
- Couch or futon
- Desk and floor lamps (non-halogen models)
- Desk chair (optional - one is provided in your room)
- Ethernet cord (wireless connection also available in student rooms)
- Fan
- Microwave
- Personal computer and accessories
- Small refrigerator
- Sticky putty or 3M Command strips and hooks
- Surge protectors, power strips and extension cords (UL rated)
- TV and entertainment electronics

Items which can be rented or purchased through a WMU vendor. See wmich.edu/housing/vendors.
## Things to Leave at Home

### Appliances & Electronics
- Air conditioners
- Anything with an exposed heating element
- Coffee pots with pot warmers or no auto shut off feature
- Grills or griddles
- Halogen lamps
- Irons with no auto shut off
- Space heaters
- “Spider” lamps (multi-bulb)
- Subwoofer speakers
- Toasters/toaster ovens
- Wireless routers

### Personal Items
- Candles, candle warmers or incense
- Dry erase boards for outside of your door
- Hookas
- Mattress from home
- Pets other than fish
- Self-built lofts* (many halls have loftable furniture already in the room)
  - Exception for Eldridge Hall - wmich.edu/housing/eldridge-fox
- Tape, nails or other products that will damage paint or walls
- Weapons of any kind (e.g. paint guns, air/C02 guns, stun guns, martial arts weapons, knives, etc.)

## How to Pack Green

- Use family suitcases that can go back home
- If you’re bringing storage crates, pack them with things for the move
- Need boxes? Ask at local stores vs. going out and buying them
- Use towels and blankets to wrap about breakable items – it’s better to wash them afterward vs. buying bubble wrap that takes a while to decompose
- Avoid using tape – it’s hard to decompose

## Tips about LIVING GREEN on campus

### Purchase
- Biodegradable, non-toxic detergents and chlorine free bleach
- Energy-Star appliances which use 10-50% less energy
- Energy-Star Certified Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL) which use 75% less energy and last 10 times longer
- Green cleaning products
- Homemade potpourri instead of chemical-based air fresheners
- Non-aerosol cans for air fresheners and cleaning supplies
- Organic fibers like bamboo and organic cotton for your sheets and rugs
- Recycled paper products with high (>50%) post-consumer content
- Recycled plastic bags and reusable shopping bags
- Shampoos, soaps and toothpastes without chemical additives that pollute waterways
- Water filter pitcher – you could spend over $200 a year on bottled water!

### Practice
- Flip the switch!
  - Turn off your lights when you leave the room
  - Unplug electronics or turn off your surge protector when not in use; also consider “Smart” surge protectors which do it for you.
- Get clean in a jiffy! WMU showers use 2.5 gallons of water/minute, so short showers conserve water.
- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving
- Wash only full loads of laundry. To really be green, air-dry your clothes.
- Use your recycle bin!
- Use a BPA-free reusable water bottle rather than plastic bottles. WMU gives every new student a **FREE EcoMug or EcoJug** which can be used in the dining hall or filled for discounts around campus and Kalamazoo. Check it out atwmich.edu/sustainability/projects/ecomug/use.
- Use microwavable plates, bowls and mugs instead of disposable items (saves money too!)
- Ride a bike (with helmet) or take the bus on and around campus. Students ride the Kalamazoo bus for free with your Bronco Card.