

College Packing List

Quick tips

Amazon: Students can sign up for a **FREE 6 month Amazon Prime** trial and get cashback on purchases. Make sure to take advantage of this. You can sign up **here**.

Target: Offers a one-time **20% discount** for college students with the **Target Circle app**.

Walmart: College & grad students get **50% off Walmart+** which gives you free delivery and **Paramount+** subscription.

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THIS BELONGS TO:

BEDDING SUPPLIES

- MATTRESS TOPPER
- MATTRESS PROTECTOR
- SHEETS
- PILLOWCASES
- COMFORTER
- ACCENT PILLOWS
- BLANKET
- CLIP-ON FAN
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BATHROOM SUPPLIES:

- 2 BODY TOWELS
- TOWEL WRAP
- SHOWER CADDY
- MAKEUP ORGANIZER
- MAKEUP MIRROR
- HAIR WRAP
- BASKET FOR HAIR PRODUCTS
- 2 HAND TOWELS
- HAIR DRYER
- STRAIGHTENER
- CURLING IRON
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- FACE WASH
- MAKEUP REMOVER
- SHAVING CREAM
- RAZOR
- LOOFAH
- LOTION

BATHROOM SUPPLIES:

- HAIRSPRAY
- COTTON BALLS
- NAIL POLISH REMOVER
- NAIL POLISH
- MAKEUP
- MAKEUP BRUSHES
- PERFUME
- TOOTHBRUSH
- TOOTHPASTE
- RETAINER
- TWEEZERS
- DEODORANT
- TISSUES
- SUNSCREEN
- FIRST AID KIT
- IBUPROFEN
- ALLERGY MEDICINE
- TUMS
- COLD + FLU MEDICINE
- TAMPONS + PADS
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ELECTRONICS:

- LAPTOP + CHARGER
- EXTENSION CORD
- SURGE PROTECTOR
- CALCULATOR + CHARGER
- SPEAKER

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ELECTRONICS CONT:

- 10FT PHONE CHARGER
- USB DRIVE
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CLOTHING:

- BRAS / SPORT BRAS TANK
- TOPS
- SHIRTS
- SWEATERS
- SWEATSHIRTS
- JEAN JACKET
- CARDIGANS
- JEANS
- LEGGINGS
- JOGGERS
- SOCKS
- DRESSES
- TENNIS SHOES
- SANDALS
- BOOTS
- RAIN BOOTS
- RAIN JACKET
- SCARVES
- LIGHT JACKETS
- WINTER JACKETS
- JEWELERY
- HATS
- SWIMSUIT
- PAJAMAS

CLOTHING CONT:

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CLEANING:

- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- DOWNY WRINKLE RELEASER
- LAUNDRY BAGS
- DRYER SHEETS
- TRASH BAGS
- ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER
- PAPER TOWELS
- SMALL VACUUM
- DISINFECTANT SPRAY
- DAWN SOAP
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KITCHEN:

- FOOD STORAGE
- KEURIG
- PAPER PLATES
- MUGS
- ZIPLOC BAGS
- PLASTIC SILVERWARE
- WATER BOTTLE
- SNACKS
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(my hands-down)

Most Recommended Dorm Essentials:

After living in a dorm room for two years, I am very opinionated about the dorm essentials you **HAVE** to buy and the dorm essentials that you will literally never touch. Here are my *top 10 dorm room essentials* I could **NOT** have lived without my freshman + sophomore year of college.

1 TWIN XL MATTRESS TOPPER

Not to be dramatic, but having a mattress topper for my dorm bed may have been life-changing. I'm not kidding, adding one of these to my dorm bed made it MORE comfortable than my bed at home. So much so that my parents bought my one for my queen bed for Christmas that year so I could have one at home! HAH! Here is the [Twin XL Mattress Topper I bought](#) (highly recommend a 2" or 3" one).

2 MESH SHOWER CADDY

DO NOT get a plastic shower caddy, get a mesh one. I made this mistake freshman year. My plastic shower caddy would fill up with water. When I would get back to my dorm room, I would set it on the ground and five minutes later a huge puddle of water would be everywhere. This is the [Mesh Shower Caddy](#) I recommend because it's cute + cheap (under \$8).

3 VELCRO TOWEL WRAP

This thing is an absolute must if you have to use a community bathroom. I got this as a graduation gift and honestly thought I would never use it. Well, four years later, and I STILL use it every time I shower (even though I am not in the dorms anymore haha). It makes sure your towel doesn't fall down as you walk to the bathrooms. You can [find one cheaper from Amazon](#).

4 SOUND MACHINE

If you are anything like me, you may find it hard to sleep/focus when there is a lot of noise happening around you. I struggled with this majorly my first semester of college until I discovered a sound machine. omg, was this thing a game-changer. You turn it on and you can't hear ANYTHING. My whole family uses one of these now even at home to block at noise. [This sound machine](#) is by far the one that I find to work best (and I believe it's one of the cheapest on the market too...aka under \$20).

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5 10' PHONE CHARGER

Let's be honest, as a college student your phone is almost always dead. I got a [phone charger from Amazon](#) for my dorm room and it was amazing because it literally could reach any- where in my dorm. But really, stocking up on phone chargers in general is important because I can almost promise you, that you will lose one or two throughout the year.

6 CLIP-ON FAN FOR YOUR BED

Dorm rooms can get REALLY hot and sleeping in them can be brutal. I was lucky enough that both my dorm rooms didn't have air conditioning (i know...how!!!) so I would wake up at night literally dripping in sweat hahah. [I bought this clip-on fan](#) that I would attach to my bed and it made it SO much more comfortable to sleep.

7 AIR PURIFIER

An [air purifier](#) is a great tool to filter unwanted stuff out of stuffy dorm air—especially since many dorm windows cannot open.

8 MOVE IN DAY STORAGE BAGS

These are highly recommended by most parents. They are [big blue bags](#) that can store many items such as accessories and clothing.

9 STROLL ORGANIZER

There is not a lot of storage in dorm rooms. Having one of these [stroll organizer](#) is perfect and creates more space as well. Perfect to put it in the bathroom or next to your bed.

10 NAIL CLIPPERS

Of course, my oldest daughter forgot some items at home. And [nail clippers](#) were one of them. I found this one on Amazon and had it shipped to her door! My oldest loves it so I already ordered the same one for the younger. It has this little case around the nail clippers so that it catches the nails! The nail clippings don't go flying across the room and my daughter does not have to cut her nails over a trash can so she loves them! Would not recommend any other nail clippers!

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What Not To Bring To College:

This is obviously my personal opinion + just the things I found I never used when living in the dorms.

1 TWO SETS OF SHEETS

I do NOT think that it is necessary to buy two sets of [sheets](#) for your dorm room. You can easily wash your sheets in the morning and have them back on your bed at night.

2 A SH*T TON OF DECORATIVE PILLOWS

This one is majorly aimed at freshman year me. I probably brought 8 [decorative pillows](#) for my bed and futon. Not kidding. While it did look really cute, they became a pain real quick because there was no where to put them while I was in my bed or people were sitting on the futon. Bring a few, but I would leave it at that.

3 POTS + PANS

I really thought I would be making food alllll the time in my dorm room kitchen so I bought [cooking utensils](#) my freshman year. Guess how many times I went to the kitchen and cooked?! Zero. Literally not once. Maybe buy one pan but other than that, the dining hall will be your bff.