



# What to Bring to College:

Helpful Tips for a Successful Year

**Welcome to your college experience!** One of the first things that we suggest to get your year headed in a successful direction is to contact your roommate and begin talking about what you are both planning on bringing to college. There is nothing worse than having two refrigerators but no TV, or two of everything.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life has several resources available to assist you with these conversations. Please refer to Early Success Tools on our website at [www.housing.ttu.edu](http://www.housing.ttu.edu)

The first tool available is the [Roommate Agreement](#). Some of this information is geared more to talking face to face, but some preliminary conversations about some of the topics list can assist you in getting to know your roommate better. Also, consult the [Consideration Policy](#). This information will assist you in discussing violating behavior towards personal rights prior to moving in.

The second tool is [Designs for Living](#). This site was designed to give you practical information about how to design your living space for optimum utilization and stay within policy parameters. This site will assist your pocketbook when you check out of your room by avoiding charges for damages due to the use of nails or other room violations.

Finally, we ask that you read and become familiar with the [Residence Hall Assignment Handbook](#). The information in this document will help you understand the policies and procedures that exist in the residence halls in order to develop a learning and growing community. This document also includes further information on guidelines and the rationale for what is and is not allowed in the halls.

On the back, you will find a list of suggested items to make your year a success. If you have any questions regarding what you can and cannot bring, contact the Department of Housing and Residence Life at 806-742-2597. We hope these resources will provide a foundation for communication and learning. Also, remember that residence hall staff are available to assist you with answers to your questions or to sit down and help you and your roommate work through the roommate agreement.



**Here is a list of things that might come in handy during the year:**

- Pillows, twin size sheets, and blankets (some beds are [extra long](#), so refer to the [dimensions of your hall](#))
- Mattress pad
- Towels and washcloths
- Small ironing board and iron
- Alarm
- Soap dish
- Bucket or plastic pail to carry soap, shampoo, etc., to the shower
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry bag (or basket) and laundry soap
- Swimsuit
- Computer (if available), disks, cables, etc.
- Surge protector and extension cord
- Stationery and stamps
- Legal size folders for important papers
- Cashiers check or money order if opening a local checking account (depositing a personal check can delay availability of funds)
- Special instructions on medications such as allergy shots (Student Health Services will give shots for you and provide written prescription refills)
- Spare eyeglasses or contact lenses, supplies, and a current written prescriptions
- Bicycle with good lock
- Camera and film
- Hair dryer
- TV
- [Microwave](#)
- [Small refrigerator](#)
- Stereo
- Needles and thread (or safety pins)
- Eating utensils
- Anything to [decorate your room](#)/photos
- Fan
- Hand held can opener
- First aid kit
- Band Aids
- Pain reliever
- Personal Hygiene items
- Umbrella

**Please leave these items at home:**

- Expensive clothing and jewelry
- Off-season clothes
- Pets
- Halogen lamps
- Incense
- Open-coiled appliances
- Combustibles
- Candles
- George Foreman Grills