

# Things to Bring

Please note that the following are suggestions, not absolute necessities. If you live far from New York, it will be difficult to bring everything on this list. While you might want to consider bringing some or all of the following items with you, keep in mind that there are plenty of shopping outlets in New York City, and you can buy most of the following items right here in the area. Information about Green Depot, a local supplier of green products and supplies, can be found at [www.greendepot.com](http://www.greendepot.com).

## BATH

Bathrobe  
Hairdryer  
Razor  
Shampoo  
Shower caddy  
(plastic basket with holes in the bottom)  
Shower shoes  
Soap  
Toothbrush and toothpaste  
Towels

## BEDDING

Blanket or comforter  
Linens (extra-long)  
Mattress cover (extra-long)  
Pillow

## LAUNDRY

Iron and small ironing board  
Laundry basket or bag

## WALL DECORATIONS

If you plan to hang decorations on your walls, you must adhere them with white wall adhesive. You may not use tape or make holes in your bedroom walls.

## ROOM

Alarm clock  
Computer and printer  
Desk lamp  
Door message board  
Electric fan  
Flashlight  
Hangers  
Paper for lining drawers  
Radio/stereo

## SCHOOL

Backpack  
Notebooks  
Organizer/planner  
Scissors  
Stapler  
Three-hole punch

## BICYCLES

Bicycles are allowed in the residence halls, but they must be stored in your room, not in the common areas.

To save space, consider using a bike share. Learn about bike share options on the [Columbia Transportation](http://www.columbia.edu/transportation) website.

# Things Not to Bring

In order to make living on campus safe and comfortable for all members of the residential community, certain possessions and activities are prohibited in the residence halls.

## PETS

Only fish in a desktop aquarium ½-gallon to 5 gallons in size may accompany you to the residence halls.

## CONCERT SPEAKERS

Because loud music disturbs studying and sleeping, concert speakers are prohibited.

## FURNITURE

All University-owned furniture must remain in your room at all times. Outside furniture may not be brought into the space.

## APPLIANCES/RESTRICTED USE

The following items may be used only in designated cooking areas or kitchens. They may NOT be used in your room under any circumstances:

- Coffeemakers
- Rice cookers

## HAZARDOUS APPLIANCES/PROHIBITED

Due to the potential risks and hazards associated with their use, the following appliances are not allowed in the residence halls:

- Air-conditioners
- Grills (including George Foreman Grills)
- Hot plates
- Immersion coils
- Oil, kerosene and gas lamps
- Open-coiled appliances
- Steam vaporizers
- Waterbeds
- Any appliance attached to multiple extension cords
- Hot pots
- Microwave ovens
- Space heaters
- Toasters/toaster ovens
- Other electrical appliances with heating elements
- Hoverboards