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) 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