

Packing for the Big Day

Long before you arrive on campus, you will begin planning what you might need for this year. You may already have compiled a list of necessities you will want to make your residence room feel like home. Just remember, the first time you walk into your room, it will look sparse – nothing at all like you've envisioned all these months. However, as you move your stuff in and get settled, it will quickly begin to look like home.

What does Huron provide?

Your room will come equipped with the following:

- Bed frame and mattress (Twin XL in Burnlea Hall; Standard twin in all other buildings. XL beds available upon request on a first come, first serve basis. Contact housing@huron.uwo.ca)
- Desk and chair
- Closet/Wardrobe
- Dresser
- Garbage & Recycle Bins
- Bulletin Board
- Bookshelves/wall shelving
- Blinds

All Huron property must remain in your residence room.

May I use my own furniture in my room?

If you wish to bring your own furniture you must be able to fit it in your residence room without removing the existing furniture. As well, any furnishings you bring from home must be properly assembled and meet safety standards. Overstuffed, plastic or combustible furnishings may be a safety hazard or pose an increased risk of fire.

What about small appliances like a refrigerator or kettle?

✓ As there is limited electrical capacity in each residence room, only the following electrical appliances are permitted (provided they are in excellent working condition and conform to all safety regulations): kettles with automatic shutoff, hair dryers/curling irons, single serve coffee makers (e.g. Tassimo, Keurig), small fan, TVs, lamps, computers, electric razors, refrigerators (3 cu. ft. or less).

✗ Microwave ovens, toasters/toaster ovens, hot pots, hot plates, rice cookers, indoor grills (e.g. George Forman), crock pots, coffee makers (e.g. drip or percolator) or any other cooking equipment are strictly forbidden in residence rooms. Cooking and cooking equipment not only creates sanitary problems, but violates fire and safety standards. If this equipment is discovered in a student room, it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the term/year.

⚠ Additional extension cords or power bars must be CSA approved. Overloading power outlets is a violation of our safety code and you may be asked to remove some of your equipment in such an occurrence. You will be held responsible for damage or threats to safety resulting from non-compliance with these regulations.

What to Bring?

You will want to surround yourself with things that make you feel comfortable such as posters, family pictures, etc. However, it is not wise to bring everything with you, given the limitations of your room size. You may want to consider bringing some of the following:

- Bedding and bed sheets (twin or twin XL)
- Linens (sheets, comforter, pillows, towels, face cloths, etc.)
- Cleaning Supplies (Windex, Lysol, broom & dust pan, small vacuum, paper towel, etc.)
- ***Burnlea Hall & Southwest Residents will need to provide their own toilet paper, hand soap and washroom cleaning supplies***
- Computer/Laptop, anti-theft device/lock
- Dishes – a couple of mugs/glasses, a plate and one set of cutlery is plenty
- Small fan
- Hair dryer/curling iron/straightener
- Speaker & headphones
- All necessary identification (Driver's License, Health Card, Health Insurance papers, etc.)
- Insurance protection for personal property***
- Laundry basket
- Push pins/tacks for your bulletin board
- Small recreation equipment (roller blades, swim suit, etc.)
- School supplies (paper, pens, binders, calculator, etc.)
- Cell Phone
- Toiletries and Personal Care Items– you may want to bring a robe and plastic container/shower bag to transport your toiletries to and from the washrooms
- Umbrella
- University documents – consider keeping a file folder of all of your university documents
- Electrical power bar

What NOT to Bring

Prohibited/Contraband Items are as follows:

- Candles and incense (these are not permitted in residence lit or unlit), oil lamps or any items requiring a flame
- Cigars/pipes/hookas or shishas/bongs/e-cigarettes/vapes as they are commonly associated with illegal drug use
- Large speakers and stereos
- Subwoofers or base-bins for computers, stereos and musical equipment
- Amplifiers
- Lamps/lights with halogen bulbs
- Black lights, lava lamps, spotlights or any colored blub – become a fire hazard
- Appliances including, but not limited to: dishwashers, freezers, clothes, washers and dryers, microwave ovens, toasters/toaster ovens, hot pots, hot plates, rice cookers, indoor grills (e.g. George Foreman), crock pots, coffee makers (drip or percolator), or other cooking equipment are strictly forbidden in residence rooms. Cooking and cooking equipment not only create sanitary problems, but violate fire and safety standards.
- Draperies/blinds
- Heaters or heat lamps