



“What to Bring?” Packing for Boarding at Exeter

Student dormitory rooms have some basic items that every student needs for safety, comfort and the ability to function within a residential community. Our student rooms come in all shapes and sizes. Many dormitories have single rooms but there are also a good number of dormitories that have doubles, including two-room doubles (two separate rooms with a shared entry alcove). Living in a dormitory community with other teenagers, whether in a single or double, will help you develop important life skills as well as independence. Below you will find an outline of what items your room will have, items you will need to bring, items you may want to bring and items you should not bring.

Provided in your dormitory room:

Chest of drawers (or armoire)
Twin bed and mattress – extra-long (80 inches) – which take extra-long sheets or “dorm” sheets
Student desk and chair
Trash can
Linens: set of flat sheets, pillow cases and towels
Wireless access to campus network and internet

Items you will need to bring:

Alarm clock(s), lamp and flashlight
Cell phone and charger
Calculator, graphing calculator (the Math Department recommends purchasing a TI-NSPIRECX if you do not already have a graphing calculator)
Laptop computer (see: [Laptop Policy](#) and http://www.exeter.edu/its/8516_8682.aspx for the most up-to-date hardware and system configuration requirements)
Electrical surge protector (able to handle multiple electrical plugs)
Flip flops, robe, towels and washcloths
Hangers for closet
Headphones
Laundry basket or bag and detergent
Linens: additional twin sheets – extra-long, pillow(s), blankets and comforter
Plastic bucket or tray for shampoo, soap, toothpaste and other toiletries
School/office supplies: paper, pens, pencils, table, notebooks, ruler, stapler, etc.
Toiletries, medications and band aids

(Note: prescription pain and psychotropic medications must be stored at the Lamont Health and Wellness Center)

Items you don't need, but many students like to have:

Drinks (water/sports drinks/soda)
Fan and/or humidifier
iPad or small tablet
Mug for hot drinks, bowl and spoon for soup or noodles
Printer, monitor, flash drive(s)
Pictures from home
Posters (putty or tape to hang; no nails please!)
Shelving and/or crates for storage
Snacks (with sealable containers to store leftovers)
Water bottle (to use around campus at refilling stations)
Under-the-bed storage boxes/containers

Items NOT allowed in the dormitory:

Candles, matches, lighters, or incense
Firearms (including BB guns, air guns, hunting rifles, ammunition, bows, arrows or knives)
Fireworks or explosives
Halogen lamps and high-intensity lamps that generate excessive heat
Mercury thermometers
Microwaves, toaster ovens, crock pots, coffee pots, popcorn poppers, space heaters, electric immersion coils, high-wattage electrical appliances, or open-coil heating devices
Power tools
Portable space heaters
Refrigerators (*Note: students can request permission for documented medical reasons only*)
Natural Christmas trees
Stringed or Christmas lights
Upholstered (fabric, canvas and/or leather) furniture (unless it follows fire codes NFPA 260 or Cal 117, 2000 edition) – here is a link to “Furniture at Exeter”
http://www.exeter.edu/documents/furniture_at_Exeter_8-9-16.pdf

Items to bring which you might not have thought of:

Bike and helmet
Books for pleasure reading
Board games
Bug spray
Frisbee
Golf clubs
Ice skates
Sunscreen and sunglasses
Snow/rain boots
Tennis racket
Winter coat/rain coat