

New College of Florida

## Suggested Packing List

Welcome to New College! Use this guide to equip your on-campus room with essentials and supplies.

First, please do not use the lists provided at stores – they often include prohibited items!

Figuring out what to pack when you head to school may seem more overwhelming than trying to get your entire high school career on one tiny admissions application. With a little planning and foresight, however, it doesn't have to be as complicated as it might seem at first.

## First Thing to Remember: You'll Buy Stuff When You Get Here

You don't have to pre-plan for your entire academic year when packing, especially if you're on a really tight budget. You can always buy stuff as the year goes on (care packages will bring you an unspeakable amount of joy). Also, be aware that all the items present in your room when you move in must remain in your room. Storage is not available; you are responsible for the condition of the room and furniture upon move in. Don't bring so much stuff you can't settle in peacefully with all of it! If you have a question, call the Residential Life Office, check out Facebook, and ask other students. Keep in mind, too, that you are building a new life of sorts for yourself. Don't try to duplicate your room at home so much as find things that will represent your time at school.

### ROOM ESSENTIALS

- Twin extra-long (XL) sheet set
- Pillows
- Mattress pad/ egg crate/memory foam pad
- Comforter and/or blanket
- Extra throw blanket – portable, washable & light weight (great for study sessions, beach visits or music/movies on Z-green)
- Alarm clock – reliable with backup batteries
- Lamps (very little overhead lighting is in the rooms) – bring lamps less than 300 watts; only fluorescent or incandescent – NO halogens allowed!
- Wastebasket and trash bag
- Key chain that you would bet \$148 on (price of a lost key)
- Clothes hangers

- Clothing (donate stuff before you leave home, the (Goodwill) shopping is great in Sarasota and you will want to buy, buy, buy!).

### Bath Essentials & Toiletries

- Bath towel
- Bathrobe
- Shower supplies (soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shaving supplies
- Contacts, contact solution, glasses (if applicable)
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper

### Cleaning Supplies

- Dish towels
- Dish soap
- Room deodorizing spray (candles and incense pose a fire risk and are prohibited)
- Laundry supplies: soap, hamper
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Lysol spray

*\* Students are expected to clean their bathrooms/kitchens and personal spaces. Health and Wellness checks are conducted by the College on a regular basis.*

### Beach Supplies

- Sunglasses/hat
- Swimsuit
- Beach towel
- Sunscreen
- Refillable water bottle

### School Supplies

- [Personal computer](#) (recommended, but there are computer labs on campus)
- Printer (the only public printer is located in the HCL computer lab for student use)
- Cat 5E or Cat 6 ethernet cable
- Printer paper
- Jump/flash/thumb drive
- Notebooks/lined paper

- Laptop lock (the one time you leave your door open it will be gone if it is not locked up)
- Poster putty, stapler, push pins, pens/pencils, envelopes and stamps
- Dictionary
- Desk lamp
- Blank CDs/DVDs (if applicable)
- Power strips with surge protectors (extension cords pose a fire; bring more than one with extra long cords)
- Sturdy backpack
- Day planner/personal calendar (one you like and will actually use!)
- Multi-port USB Charger: Make sure you bring a [USB charger](#) with multiple ports to keep your phone, tablet, laptop, etc. fully charged
- Head set to plug into your computer for google hangout meetings, virtual classes, watching movies and to help reduce noise in your room

### Emergency Preparedness

- Prescription medication
- Over-the-counter remedies (for headaches, flu, cold, etc.)
- Flashlight (we sometimes experience power outages)
- Batteries
- List of emergency contacts
- Health insurance card
- First-aid kit with band-aids

### In Response to COVID-19

- The CDC recommends people wear [cloth face coverings](#) to “cover their nose and mouth in the community setting,”
- Hand Sanitizer: Look for a brand that contains at least 60 percent alcohol
- Disinfecting Wipes: Use disinfecting wipes to easily sanitize surfaces, including your phone and computer
- Personal thermometer

### Other Items (Optional items)

- Small fan
- Umbrella and rain coat Shoes that can get wet (like flip flops)
- Ear plugs
- Small sewing kit
- Small tool kit
- Under-the-bed storage bins
- Plate, mug and silverware, small set of reusable personal dishes/utensils
- Posters and photos to hang\*
- Poster putty (no holes in the walls!)

- Camera
- Can opener

### Things to talk to your roommate(s) about

- Refrigerator; no larger than 5 cubic feet – NO full size refrigerators are allowed.
- Microwave\*\*
- TV, DVD player, stereo, game systems (we are NOT wired for cable) 2-3 favorite board games, deck of cards, books, small athletic equipment
- Room phone with answering machine (you only think you won't need it)
- A memo board and markers
- Toilet brush and plunger
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Water filtering pitcher (small Brita, Purell, etc.)
- Coffee pot \*\*
- Bath rugs

### LEAVE THESE THINGS AT HOME

- Winter clothing until needed
- Clothes requiring dry-cleaning
- Large personal furniture items
- Firearms/other weapons
- Candles, Incense and halogen lamps
- Any pets other than fish
- Any coffee pots, hot pots or irons that do NOT have an automatic shut-off switch OR contain an open element (see fire safety link below for details)
- Any items in violation of New College's [Fire Safety & other Policies](#)

*\* Wall decorations are allowed, but nails, thumb tacks, duct tape, and double sided tape are not to be used on the walls, especially in the alphabet halls. Nothing should be taped or affixed to the ceiling.*

*\*\*Cooking elements must have a timed or thermostatically controlled automatic shut-off-switch and closed heating element.*