

New College of Florida: Suggested Packing List

Welcome to New College! Preparing for move-in can feel as daunting as your admissions application, but with a little foresight, it's a breeze. Use this guide to equip your room with essentials while staying compliant with campus policies.

Pro-Tip: Don't buy everything at once! Sarasota has great shopping (and excellent thrift stores), and care packages will be your new best friend. Remember, you are responsible for the condition of your room, and storage is not available for college-issued furniture.

Room Essentials

- **Bedding:** Twin Extra-Long (XL) sheet set, pillows, and a mattress pad (egg crate or memory foam).
- **Comfort:** Comforter, blankets, and a lightweight, washable throw (perfect for Z-Green movie nights or the beach).
- **Lighting:** Rooms have limited overhead light. Bring lamps (incandescent or fluorescent) under 300 watts. **NO halogen lamps allowed.**
- **Organization:** Clothes hangers, wastebasket, and trash bags.
- **The Golden Key:** A sturdy keychain. A lost key costs **\$292** to replace!
- **Clothing:** Bring what you need, but leave the heavy winter gear at home until later.

Bath & Toiletries

- **The Basics:** Bath towels, washcloths, and a bathrobe.
- **Daily Care:** Soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush/paste, deodorant, and shaving supplies.
- **Health:** Tissues, toilet paper, and any vision care needs (contacts/solution/glasses).

Cleaning Supplies

Students are responsible for cleaning their own bathrooms, kitchens, and personal spaces. Regular Health and Wellness checks are conducted.

- **Kitchen:** Dish soap and dish towels.
- **Surfaces:** Disinfectant wipes, Lysol spray, and hand sanitizer.
- **Air:** Room deodorizing spray (**Candles and incense are strictly prohibited**).
- **Laundry:** Laundry detergent and a hamper/basket.

Beach & Outdoor Gear

- Swimsuit and beach towel.
- Sunglasses and a hat.
- Sunscreen (a Florida must!).
- Refillable water bottle.
- Umbrella, raincoat, and waterproof shoes (flip-flops).

School & Tech Supplies

- **Computer:** Personal laptop (highly recommended).
- **Connectivity:** Cat 5E or Cat 6 Ethernet cable and a multi-port USB charger.
- **Audio:** A headset for virtual classes, meetings, or movies to keep noise levels down.

- **Power: Power strips with surge protectors.** Extension cords are a fire hazard; bring strips with extra-long cords.
- **Desk Supplies:** Sturdy backpack, day planner, notebooks, pens, pencils, stapler, and stamps.
- **Printing:** The main public printer is in the HCL lab; bring your own printer and paper if you prefer private printing.

Emergency Preparedness

- **First Aid:** Kit with bandages and a list of emergency contacts.
- **Health:** Health insurance card, prescription medications, and OTC remedies (ibuprofen, cold medicine).
- **Power Outage:** Flashlight and extra batteries.

Talk to Your Roommate First!

Coordinate on these items to save space and money:

- **Appliances:** Mini-fridge (max 5 cubic feet) and a microwave.**
- **Cleaning Tools:** Mop/broom, toilet brush, and plunger.
- **Kitchen:** Coffee pot (must have auto-shutoff), water filtering pitcher (Brita), and a small tool kit.
- **Entertainment:** TV, game systems, board games, etc. (*Note: Campus is not wired for cable.*)

LEAVE THESE AT HOME

- **Prohibited Items:** Make sure you check our [Rules & Regulations](#) for all prohibited items.
- **Fire Hazards:** Candles, incense, halogen lamps, and extension cords.
- **Unsafe Appliances:** Any coffee pots or irons **without** an automatic shut-off or with an open heating element.
- **Weapons:** Firearms and other weapons are strictly prohibited.
- **Furniture:** Large personal furniture items (due to space and fire codes).
- **Pets:** No pets allowed except for fish.
- **Wall Damage:** Do not use nails, thumbtacks, duct tape, or double-sided tape. **Use poster putty only.**

** **Safety Note:** All cooking elements must have a timed or thermostatically controlled automatic shut-off switch and a closed heating element. Nothing should ever be taped or affixed to the ceilings.