

[Complete List](#)**Coordinating with Roommates**[Top 10 Items](#)[Leave Behind](#)[Bring or Buy](#)

A great way to maximize your student's space while minimizing what you have to transport is to coordinate shareable items with your student's roommate(s).

Start by going to the school website and reviewing what's included in the dorm room (microwave? fridge? is there a bathroom or is it down the hall?). In addition, take note of rules about appliances. In general, open heating elements are prohibited, and appliances such as coffee makers and irons need automatic shut-offs.

Kitchen

- Microwave and mini-fridge
- Other kitchen appliances:
 - Blender
 - Coffee maker
 - Panini press
 - Electric kettle
- Dishes, silverware, and other kitchen utensils
- Dish towels

Common area

- Television
- Printer
- Other electronics:
 - Video game consoles
 - Stereo
 - Wireless router/modem
- Floor lamp (no halogen lamps)
- Any large furniture

Bathroom

- Cleaning supplies:
 - Toilet brush
 - Broom
 - Vacuum
 - Mop and mop bucket
- Shower curtain
- Bath mat

Decorations/Other

- Area rugs
- Curtains
- Air cleaner/humidifier and/or fan
- Ironing board/iron

In addition to deciding who brings what, roommates should establish basic ground rules before move-in day.

1. What are the expectations around cleaning (emptying trash, doing dishes, etc.)?
2. Will there be "quiet hours" and if so when?
3. How will they handle visitors?