

# First-Year Student Packing Guide

Use this checklist to make sure you have everything you need for your first year at Boston College. These are just suggestions; you should adapt this list to suit your own situation. To save packing or shipping, it might make sense to buy some of these items after you arrive. Additionally, consider packing for one season at a time and switch items during semester breaks.

## TAKE IT

(Popular Items to Pack)

- Extra-long twin sheets
- Bed linens, blankets, pillows
- Enclosed mattress pad
  - *(Egg crates/plain foam are prohibited)*
- Towels
- Shower sandals
- Microwave and min-fridge
  - *Microfridges are popular*
- Bucket/tote for toiletries
- Iron and ironing board
- Laundry basket and detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Small vacuum
- Calendar/planner
- Small fan
- Desk lamp
- Television
- Surge protector power strip
- Hangers
- Blue painters tape
- Under-bed storage
- Holiday lights
  - *Two strands and LED/UL only*

## LEAVE IT

(Prohibited Items)

- Non-university mattresses
- Candles, hookahs, incense, and other sources of open flames
- Space heaters
- Heating blankets
- Air conditioning units
- Extension cords
- Barbeque grills
- Lamps with more than three arms
- Hover boards
- High voltage microwaves
  - *May bring one if 800W or less*
- Full-size refrigerator
- Hot plate
- Toaster/toaster oven
- Electric frying pan
- Sandwich grill/waffle iron
- Coffee makers
  - *Including single-cup brewers*
- Real or toy weapons
- Alcohol, drugs, and related paraphernalia

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