

What to Bring:

- ◇ **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** This includes face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, hand soap and disinfectant.
- ◇ **Bedding:** Albion College residence hall beds are size Twin XL. Many students bring their own mattress pads also.
- ◇ **Bathroom Supplies:** Shower caddies are super helpful for community living.
- ◇ **Personal Documentation:** Birth Certificate, Social Security and Insurance Cards
 - Make sure these are in a secure space within your room that you can keep track of such as a mini safe, lock box or keepsake box.
 - These documents are needed for proving work eligibility
- ◇ **Fans:** Fans help cool the room and circulate fresh air.
 - Work with your roommate, as it would be helpful if one brought a box type fan for the window, while the other brought a tower/pedestal fan for inside the room.
- ◇ **Mini Fridge and Microwave:** Make sure to work with roommate because sharing is caring.
 - Make sure the fridge is 4 cubic ft. or less
 - Make sure the microwave is 800 watts or less
- ◇ **Technology:** Laptop, Phone, TV, Gaming System
 - Do not forget chargers and cables.

What to Leave at Home:

- ◇ **Extension Cords:** Surge protectors and cords with an “on/off” switch are ok. All others, leave at home.
- ◇ **Candles & Incense:** No open flame or smoke. Wall plugin air fresheners are fine.
- ◇ **String Lights:** Plug and battery-operated lights are not permitted in residence halls and violates the College’s insurance policy.
- ◇ **Air Conditioning Units:** Air Conditioning units are not allowed in the residence halls. Medical petitions for an AC Unit need to go through Residential Life.
- ◇ **Weapons:** Including firearms, pellet, BB, and paintball guns, tasers, stun guns, mace, ammunition, bows and hunting knives.
- ◇ **Irreplaceable Items:** Items of great value might be best left at home. If it is not something you absolutely need to have on campus and could get broken, lost, or stolen, it might be best to leave those valuable items at home.
- ◇ **Cooking Equipment with Exposed Heating coils:** Toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, electric skillet, and any type of grill.

Attending college and moving away from home can be both exciting and overwhelming. The Office of Residential Life wants to help you plan for your move. The biggest packing issue is deciding which items that are important to your successful living, leaving things at home that are not permitted, and how to decorate your living space to make it feel like home.

Tips for Decorating

- Use posters, photos, tapestries, and other items to decorate. Show off what makes you, you!
 - Rugs are a fun addition to the space for a cozy atmosphere.
 - Small Chairs or bean bags for another sitting place for you or guests to the room.
 - Use curtains on the window. Tension rods should be used if hanging curtains.
 - Talk to your roommate. There may be things you can split bringing so you don’t have double items that take up valuable space.
 - Do NOT use screws, nails, duct tape, or double-sided tape on walls or ceiling. It can lead to damaging the walls.
- Do NOT paint any walls or use wall/contact paper.

Additional Tips

- Talk with your roommate to settle on who is bringing what. Share the responsibility.
- For a more complete list of items to bring, leave and decorate, please visit: <https://www.albion.edu/student-life/residential-life/new-students>.
- If you have questions, email the Office of Residential Life at reslife@albion.edu and one of our staff members will happily answer your note.

Office of Residential Life Staff is excited to welcome you this Fall. To help you prepare, here are our Pro Tips for Packing!

Know What to Bring, What to Leave Behind and Decoration Tips!