

TO BRING OR NOT TO BRING

A list of things to keep in mind as you prepare for the Golden Eagle living experience!

BEFORE YOU PACK

- Contact your roommate to avoid bringing duplicate items.
- If you are traveling a great distance, consider purchasing items once you arrive in Hattiesburg.
- Remember, you can always pick up items on your next trip home or have family/friends send packages to you through the on-campus Post Office.
- Visit usm.edu/housing, then click "Housing Options" to take a look at room measurements, virtual tours, photos, videos, and physical and mailing addresses.
- The included items are things you should think about bringing. You may not need everything on the list.

DECORATING POLICY

The use of nails, staples, or glue on walls is prohibited. 3M strips should be used to put posters/pictures on the walls (when leaving, leave the 3M strips on the wall for maintenance to remove to avoid damage). Please review the Housing and Residence Life Handbook located on our website for more detailed information on decorating policies and more information about what may or may not be permitted in the residence halls.

- Permanent adhesives (double-sided masking tape) are not to be used. Wall borders of any type are not permitted.
- Area rugs are permitted with the use of rug pads (do not tape rugs to the floor).
- All items brought into the facilities during the year must be removed from the building at the time of permanent checkout.
- All upholstered furniture brought into the student's room must meet commercial fire codes.
- Nothing can be hanging from the sprinkler heads, pipes, or smoke detectors.
- MicroFridges cannot be stored in any furniture that doesn't have an open back and at least five inches of ventilation on all sides.
- All residence hall furniture must remain in the room at all times.

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✔ WHAT TO BRING



Bedding

- Extra-long twin mattress sheets
- Comforter and duvet cover (duvet covers can easily be removed and laundered)
- If you choose to bring a headboard, it cannot have any electrical plugs/lights in it.
- Mattress pad
- Pillows
- Blankets or throw
- Alarm clock (cannot have electrical plug, but the alarm clock can have USB ports)



Cleaning

- Trash can and small trash bags
- **General cleaning supplies:** disinfectant wipes, paper towels, toilet bowl brush and toilet bowl cleaner
- **Laundry supplies:** detergent, fabric softeners, stain removers and lint brush



Studying

- **School supplies:** backpack, binders folders, notebooks, index cards, calculator, etc.
- Personal organizer/calendar



Electronics

- Smart TV to connect to housing WiFi
- AirPods/headphones
- Electrical power strip (must have reset button surge protector on it)
- Computer, printer (with surge protection AND reset button ONLY)
- Printer paper, ink cartridges, flash drive, etc.
- **Please Note: Printers cannot be connected to computers via USM's network.**



Make It Your Home

- Posters, photos, area rug and other decorations
- Lamp and/or desk lamp, light bulbs (no halogen lights and no additional plugs; they can have USB ports)
- **Shower curtain and toilet paper for the following halls:** Century Park North, Vann, Scott, Hillcrest, Scholarship, McCarty, Hattiesburg, and The Village
- Bath towels and washcloths (at least two sets)
- Shower caddy, shower shoes/flip flops, bathrobe, etc.
- Clothes hangers, clothes hamper/laundry bag
- Full-length mirror



Looking Your Best

- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, etc.
- Clothes, shoes, outerwear (Because of limited space, you can trade your warm wardrobe for your cooler wardrobe during Fall/Spring Break or as you make trips back home.)
- Keep transitional clothing on hand for sudden weather changes.
- Students typically dress for comfort, so don't worry about bringing a lot of dressy clothes.



Eating

- Snacks and drinks
- Quick and easy meals (breakfast bars, sandwiches, microwavable meals, etc.)
- Coffee maker (Keurig-type single brewers ONLY)
- **Kitchen supplies:** plates, cups, bowls, utensils, can opener, chip clips, Ziploc bags, and storage containers
- Dish soap and towels



Miscellaneous

- Flashlight and batteries
- Sewing kit
- First-aid kit
- Storage bins
- Dry erase board and markers

⊘ WHAT NOT TO BRING

For the safety of all residents, please **DO NOT** bring the items listed below:

- Open-coiled cooking appliances (e.g., toaster, hot plate)
- Cooking grills (e.g., George Forman), air fryers, convection ovens
- Coffee pots (Keurig-style brewers are allowed.)
- Refrigerator and microwave (Each room is equipped with a MicroFridge, a microwave, or refrigerator/freezer combination.) **Century Park South rooms have refrigerator/freezers. Microwaves are located in the kitchen lounges.**
- Ice makers
- Halogen lamps/lava lamps
- Candles/incense/scented wax burners
- Diffusers
- Decorative alcohol containers
- Extension cords of any kind (single or multi-plug)
- Concrete/cinder blocks
- All pets (except small aquarium fish, service animals, and emotional support animals registered/approved by ODA)
- Decorative string lights (e.g., Christmas lights)
- Firearms, weapons, and hunting equipment
- Bed risers



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