Practical resources not related to academics

## Food:

*Deals and Steals* – 1 Pearl St, Northampton, MA 01060 (pretty close to the center of Northampton, on Rt. 5)   
You can sometimes find caseloads worth of gourmet cereal, chips, or other random food that normally costs $5-8 for 1 item in regular stores but there costs $1 for 5 items. Sometimes things are free. (I still haven't figured out their pricing strategy)

*Aldi* – 354 Russell St, Hadley, MA 01035 (near Home Depot in the Hadley shopping mall area)  
Decent prices for pretty good quality food, although some things are definitely better than others – good hummus, decent cheaper ground coffee, pretty good frozen broccoli

*Trader Joes* – 375 Russell St, Hadley, MA 01035, some good frozen stuff, cheapest place for bananas

## Bicycle related (a bike is really useful, campus is big!):

*Laughing Dog Bicycles –* 63 S Pleasant St Rear, Amherst, MA 01002 (Downtown Amherst)   
Pretty good and reasonably priced bike repair and basic tools and parts. Some full bikes to buy.

*Hampshire Bicycle Exchange* – 65 University Dr, Amherst, MA 01002 (Just before the Big-Y plaza)  
They supposedly have a used parts bin in back if you have a random part you need that you can't find something or don't know what a part is called. Also sell full bikes.

There also are bicycle resources on campus: <https://www.umass.edu/offcampuslife/biking>

## Fixing things that break

For computer problems: UMass IT should be able to help you with a lot of issues in the Campus Center (big concrete building in the center of campus). For basic troubleshooting I believe it is free, but I think you need to pay something for hardware repair. More info at: <https://www.umass.edu/it/support>

The M5 makerspace in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering has some resources for fixing computer related problems as well they are located in Marcus Hall in Room 5 (Lower Level)

For something with a more physical problem (and also some electronic issues) the [**Campus Wide Makerspace**](https://sites.google.com/umass.edu/umassmakerspace/), located at in the Agricultural Engineering Building, North Rooms 120 & 122 can be a valuable resource. It is also a great way to get hands on experience building and doing things like soldering, welding, or woodworking.