

Some general suggestions are listed below. It's a good idea to check with your roommate(s) during the summer so you don't duplicate items.

- sheets and bedding that fit an extra-long twin bed, sized 8" thick by 36" wide by 80" long*
- a pillow, and towels*
- a container to carry toiletries back and forth to the bathroom*, a bathrobe, and flip-flops to wear in the shower
- stackable storage crates, organizers that fit under a bed, and clothes hangers*
- your computer (if you have one)
- office supplies, including a UL-approved outlet strip with breaker switch (extension cords are prohibited)*
- an alarm clock, and a fan (most buildings are not air-conditioned)*
- a minifridge or a microfridge (microwave-refrigerator combination): you can rent one [here](#) (if you purchase a minifridge, please make sure it draws no more than 7.3 amps [700 watts] to start and 1.5 amps while running)
- a bike! Most buildings on campus have designated bicycle racks or storage areas (please keep in mind that some racks are outside, and remember to bring a lock); you must register your bike with [Transportation Services](#) when you get to campus

*You can buy these items when you get to campus at [The Cornell Store's "Dorm Essentials" tent sale](#), featuring Bed Bath & Beyond products!

What NOT to bring:

There are several items that you are not permitted to have in your room:

- extension cords
- "spider" lamps, and any lamp (particularly a halogen lamp) that requires a bulb greater than 150 watts
- appliances not controlled by thermostats – for example, immersion coils (thermostatically controlled appliances are permitted – like popcorn poppers, coffee pots, automatic toasters – but must be operated in your building's kitchen)
- freestanding microwave ovens (except for in the Townhouse apartments, where microwaves are permitted)
- a large refrigerator, or a minifridge that draws more than 3 amps (300 watts) to start and 1.5 amps while running
- candles, and incense burners
- pets, except for pre-approved service dogs, and fish in tanks no larger than ten gallons (the exception is Ecology House, where residents can keep small pets that are confined at all times to cages or aquariums)
- weapons and firearms (these must be registered and kept with [Cornell University Police](#))
- a desk lamp, cinder blocks, and extra furniture, for space reasons and to avoid duplication with items that will already be provided in your room

Shopping in Ithaca:

Many families, particularly those traveling from a distance or flying, wait until they get to Ithaca before buying items like bedding, towels, organizational units, school supplies, and toiletries. Many items can be bought at [The Cornell Store's "Dorm Essentials" tent sale](#); others can be found at the nearby mall or in stores in downtown Ithaca.

Bringing a car to campus:

We strongly discourage new students from bringing their cars. Traffic and parking are restricted on campus; mostly you'll be walking or using public transit. If you do plan to bring a car, you must register it with [Transportation Services](#) and pay a parking fee.



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