

# Otterbein University Residence Hall Packing List

*Please remember all students may NOT NEED ALL ITEMS on this list. Roommates are strongly encouraged to discuss which items they can share to avoid duplication of large items.*

Please keep the environment in mind when buying products. Products made from recycled materials or reusing items is a great way to cut down on waste. Remember to always recycle packaging materials and try to leave as many cardboard boxes at home instead of bringing them to campus.

## Top Environmentally Friendly Items to Bring to Otterbein

1. A bike
2. Walking shoes
3. Reusable water bottles, mugs, bowls, plates, etc.
4. Recycled paper (notepads and computer paper)
5. "Green" household and personal care products
6. Reusable canvas bags for carrying belongings

## Desk/School Supplies including:

- backpack/book bag
- paper (pads & computer)
- notebooks, folders
- pens, pencils, highlighters
- stapler & staples
- masking/scotch tape/glue
- calendar
- 3M removable tabs/hooks
- 3-hole punch
- scissors

## Personal Care/Health & Hygiene Items including:

- soap/soap dish
- shampoo/conditioner
- deodorant
- razor, shaving cream
- tissues
- shower bucket/shoes
- thermometer
- brush/comb
- prescription medicine
- first aid kit
- cold/cough medicine
- toothbrush, toothpaste, floss

## Bedding & Linens including:

- towels/washcloths
- XL twin sheets
- blanket/comforter
- pillows
- mattress pad

## Extra Room Furnishings including:

- study lamp
- wastebasket/recycling bins
- storage crates
- posters/pictures/photos

## Special Clothing

- umbrella/raincoat
- rain/snow boots
- hat, gloves
- bathrobe

## Eating Utensils including:

- silverware
- storage containers
- plates/bowls/mugs
- can opener

## Cleaning & Laundry Supplies including:

- HE laundry detergent
- laundry basket/bag
- dish detergent/cloth
- disinfectant spray/wipes

## Electrical Appliances

- fan
- UL-rated surge protectors
- telephone
- computer w/ internet patch cable
- alarm clock
- refrigerator (4 cu. ft. or less)
- NON-ionic hairdryer
- television
- microwave (800 watts or less)

**Otterbein provides:** XL twin bed & mattress, desk & chair, drawer & closet space, phone/internet jacks, wireless internet, mini-blinds, carpet (except Engle Hall & select rooms in other halls).

# First Calls to Roommates!

Research has found roommates who are compatible in their living styles generally get along the best even if their academic and co-curricular interests are different. College is a time to meet new people and try new things. A well-negotiated plan for living together will make you both more comfortable with the transition to the residence halls. We hope these questions will start you in the right path toward developing a relationship with your roommate.

## General topics - breaking the ice:

Which high school did you attend?  
How many people went to your high school?  
Which activities did you do in high school?

## Sharing our room:

Have you ever shared a room before?  
What will you be bringing for the room?  
Will you want to bunk or loft our beds?  
How would you like to decorate our room?  
How do you feel about sharing appliances/electronics?  
Who will bring which electronics/appliances?

## Keeping our room clean:

How do you expect our room to be kept?  
How will we decide when/if to clean and who will do it?

## Sharing other stuff:

How do you feel about sharing clothes?  
How do you feel about sharing food? Other items?  
Will we split the cost of any items for the room? Or any other items during the year?

## Visitors and Privacy:

What are your thoughts on having guests in the room?  
What kind of expectations do you have for privacy?  
How will we let each other know when we need alone time?

## Academics:

When do you like to study?  
What type of environment helps you study best?  
Are there certain subjects you like better than others?  
Which classes you are looking forward to taking?  
What did you enjoy about the Common Book?

## Activities:

Are you involved in any sports or extracurricular activities?  
What types of things are you hoping to get involved in?

## Others questions you want to know about your roommate:

When you arrive at Otterbein in the fall you will receive a roommate agreement booklet which will ask you and your roommate to write down some general expectations you have of each other and then discuss them with your Resident Assistant. This process will help you negotiate a comfortable living environment for both of you. You will also be asked to discuss Community Standards for living with the rest of your residence hall floor so the entire floor community may set standards by which all residents will agree to abide. Please be thinking about what type of environment you wish to live in so you can voice your thoughts at those meetings in September.