

Bard What to Bring to Bard

Smart college students are changing our world before they even set foot in their first class, choosing to equip their residence hall rooms with lighting, computers, stereos, TVs, and other products that have earned the EPA's ENERGY STAR label. A room outfitted with these energy-efficient products can save about \$130 per year on energy costs, reduce pollution, and help protect the environment.

The following items are suggested: flashlight, bedspread, blankets, standard-sized twin sheets, mattress pad, towels, toiletries, shower shoes, pillows, clothes hangers, laundry detergent and basket, first aid kit (including insect repellent), wattage adapter (for international students), personal computer, surge protectors, wastebasket, desk lamp*, radio, bicycle, bicycle lock. If you plan to bring a laptop computer, we suggest you also bring a laptop desk lock.

The following items may be used in residence hall rooms: alarm clock, electric fan, hair dryer, computer, radio, CD player, television (rooms do not have cable access), study lamp, small refrigerator (no more than 3 cubic feet).

The following items may be used in the designated kitchen areas only: coffeemaker, clothes iron, popcorn maker, toaster oven, hot pot. Only UL-approved appliances may be used.

The following items are not allowed in any residence hall: exposed coil heaters of any kind, heating pads, microwave ovens, halogen lamps**, portable heaters. Candles and incense are strictly prohibited. Removing, replacing, or altering furniture or equipment provided by Bard is not permitted.

The following items are suggested for use in the Stevenson Gymnasium: squash and tennis rackets, swimsuit, swim goggles, gym shoes (no black soles), aerobic shoes, padlock, athletic equipment bag.

The following items are required for intercollegiate sports: training shoes, cleats, rackets and tennis shoes, running shoes for cross-country, volleyball shoes, squash rackets, and appropriate footwear and equipment for all other sports.

Try to coordinate with your roommate and share appliances when possible. Besides saving energy and money, you'll have less to move at the end of the year. Remember, simple changes made by many people can multiply into a huge difference for our environment.

*ENERGY STAR-labeled light bulbs and lamps are available at the Bard Bookstore, so you can easily buy these products when you arrive. A compact fluorescent light bulb should last you for your four years at Bard. To find out more about purchasing ENERGY STAR products, visit the ENERGY STAR website at www.energystar.gov.

** Aside from being a fire hazard, halogen lamps use 5 times more energy than fluorescent lamps.

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Other Information and Policies

Intersession use of residence halls: Select residence halls will be used for conferences and groups, as well as Bard student athletes and employees needing on-campus accommodations during intersession. Generally, students will not be allowed to stay in their rooms over intersession and will be notified in advance of the plans for use of their rooms.

Pets: Fish and small caged animals are the only pets that may be approved to live in a residence hall room. The pet must be in good health. A student who wishes to keep a pet must meet with the director of residence life and obtain written authorization **before bringing a pet to campus**.

Telephone service: Local telephone service, including voice mail, will be activated in the student's designated residence before his or her arrival. Personal calling cards can be used. Students may bring a telephone or may purchase one through the College. Students will receive more information about this service over the summer.

Laundry facilities: Most residence halls are equipped with washers and dryers. If there are no laundry facilities in a hall, they are usually available within a short walking distance. Laundry machines on campus require quarters. No linen service is provided.

When you arrive on campus, you will be given more specific information about campus facilities and College policies and procedures and you will be required to sign the On-Campus Living and Facilities Use Agreement.

If you have any questions prior to your arrival, please call the Office of Residence Life at 845-758-7455, fax us at 845-758-7827, or e-mail us at reslife@bard.edu. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. Welcome to Bard!