When You Arrive

Be totally prepared for move-in by learning more about approved items to bring with you to campus, along with the specifications of the mattresses and lofted beds in our residence halls.

**Approved/Not Approved Items**

Below are examples of items that are approved (and/or not approved) in on-campus residential facilities. If you have questions or need additional information, please consult the Community Living Standards, contact your Community Director, or email us at housing@unc.edu [1].

**Items Included in the Room**

- One Closet/Wardrobe
- Window blinds
- Twin bed and XL Mattress (loftable)
- One dresser
- Desk and Chair
- Small recycling bin
- Wired/Wireless Internet/Cable TV

**Available at Front Desk**

- Vacuum
- Cleaning supplies
- Cooking supplies
- Games and Sporting equipment

**General Guidelines**

- Each individual residence hall room is limited to 1800 watts usage at any time.
- No single item can exceed 1000 watts of usage, have an exposed heating element or open flame.
- Power strips are recommended for both surge and fire protection.
- Please insure that appliances do not have frayed wiring.
- If using an electronic device with a lithium battery, please use device according to manufacturer’s instructions, as not doing so can pose a fire hazard.

**Items You Can Bring**

- Blender
- Can opener
- Coffee maker
- Desk lamp
- Electric indoor grill (i.e., George Foreman)
- Electric mixer
- Floor lamp (non-halogen, single bulb)
- Fans (floor or window type)
- Flat iron
- Food processor
- Hair dryer
- Hot air popcorn popper
- Hot dog steamer
- Hot pots
- Iron
- Low heat warming tray (200 F)
- Microwave oven
- Power outlet strip with surge protection
- One small refrigerator per student: should be no bigger than 6 cubic feet, for example: 2’ x 3’ x 1’
  - MicroFridges offered through RHA's Carolina Lifestyles [2] are approved.
- Three prong extension cords
- Toaster

Not Approved

- Air conditioner (personal)
- Candles and other item(s) that may pose a fire hazard in a residence hall (see the Community [3] Living Standards [3] for additional information).
- Ceiling fan
- Deep fat fryer
- Electric frying pan
- Electric griddle
- Crock pot/Instant pot
- Electric wok
- Fog and smoke machine
- Halogen bulbs and lamp
- Hot oil popcorn popper
- Hot plate
- Multiple bulb light fixture ("octopus" or "spider" lamps)
- Rice cooker (also "instant pots")
- Self-balancing scooters (also known as "hover boards")
- Slow cooker/grill convertible
- Toaster oven
- Two-prong household extension cords
- Washing machine/dryer (except in Baity Hill/Mason Farm)
- WiFi router (personal)

Note: Because the on campus apartments (Ram Village and Baity Hill) have kitchens with stoves, ovens, and countertop space, the following items are approved for use in these facilities in addition to the list above:

- Electric frying pan
- Electric griddle
- Electric wok
- Crock pot/Instant pot
- Rice cooker (also "instant pots")
- Slow cooker/grill convertible
- Toaster oven
- Washing machines are permitted in Baity Hill/Mason Farm.

Please consult the Community Living Standards [3] and/or the Housing Contract [4] for additional information.

**Mattress Specifications**

All furnished residence halls and apartments on campus are outfitted with mattresses that meet the following specifications:

- 36" x 6" x 80"
- Grey Vinyl
- Non-Allergenic
- Anti-Bacterial
- Anti-Fungal
- Anti-Static
- Crack Resistant
- Stain Resistant
- Fire Retardant
- Odor Free
- Wipes clean with mild soap and water

**Lofted Bed Measurements & Instructions**

- Maximum clearance under the loft: 55 inches high x 79 inches wide
- Frame height: 70 inches
- Frame length: 79 inches between posts, measured from inside edges
All beds should come equipped with loft safety rails. If for some reason you do not have safety rails in your room, they are available by request through Fix My Room [5].

*NOTE: Some rooms on the top floor of Spencer Hall have gabled ceilings with fire sprinklers which can make lofting tricky. It is recommended that students in these rooms wait until move-in day to do a walk-through with their roommate and make decisions regarding lofting.

**Lofting & Bunking Instructions**

- **Hardware:** Bed pins are provided in the room when you arrive. No other hardware is needed.
- **Tools:** A rubber mallet is the only tool you will need. You may want to bring one from home, but several are available for check-out from your community office if you do not bring one.
- All beds should come equipped with loft safety rails. If for some reason you do not have safety rails in your room, they are available by request through Fix My Room [5].
- **Assembly:** see diagram below
- **FOR ASSEMBLY OF NEW STYLE BED ENDS, SEE YOUTUBE VIDEO BELOW DIAGRAM.**
Bed Safety Rails

Since we cannot anticipate whether or not students will want to bunk or loft their bed, bed safety rails are included in every room, for every bed. If you opt not to install the bed safety rail, you must find a place to store it in your room. Please do not call to request pickup or storage of your safety rail.

Below are the bed safety rail installation instructions for all communities except Parker Community.

**Step one: Lift up mattress.**
Step two: Lay safety rail flat down on the bed spring and attach the two hooks on the safety rail to the bed spring.

Step three: Lift up the safety rail.
Step four: Lay mattress back down.

**BEGINNING SUMMER 2018** All residence halls will receive new bed ends, beginning with Kenan Residence Hall in Summer 2018. These bed ends will be distributed in summers ONLY. The distribution will be complete by Summer 2020. This YouTube video explains how to loft the new style of bed ends.

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Links
[1] mailto:housing@unc.edu
[4] https://housing.unc.edu/residents/housing-contract