

# RESIDENCE HALL / APARTMENT GUIDE WHAT TO BRING & WHAT NOT TO BRING

# **ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

# What to bring:

- Cloth reusable bags. These are perfect for you to tote your purchases from local shops, grocery stores, or around campus.
- A bicycle. Chatham is a bike-friendly campus, and bikes are a convenient mode of transportation. No bikes may be stored in public area (ex. lounges, stairwells, etc.) but there are bike racks.
  - **Note**: Chatham also offers BikeWorks, a student-run bike shop on campus, to assist with repairs.
- Use reusable mugs and/or water bottles. Chatham does not sell single-use water bottles on-campus, so we recommend bringing your own. Additionally, you can purchase a reusable Café Rachel mug to receive a discount on coffee when using it.
- Televisions, computers, desk lamps, and floor lamps are all available in EnergyStar models, which reduce energy use significantly as compared to other models.
- Surge-protected Power Strips. Power strips cut down on vampire loads the power drain that occurs when an electronic device is turned "off" but still plugged into the electrical socket. Plugging such electronic equipment as cell phone chargers, speakers, and computers into a power strip that can be shut off at night or when you are in class saves energy.
- LED light bulbs (or compact fluorescent bulbs), an energy-saving alternative to incandescent bulbs.

## What not to bring:

- A computer printer. Utilize our on-campus printing sources using you print quota or submit items electronically.
- Incandescent light bulbs. Facilities will replace overhead light fixture bulbs (LED or compact fluorescent bulbs) for your convenience and safety purposes. Any desk or floor lamp bulbs are replaced by the student.
- Your own laptop. All full-time undergraduate students all receive a MacBook upon arrival.

#### **CLOTHES TO PACK**

- Business casual outfit (Example: khaki or cotton pants/skirts, polo shirt, button-up shirt, sweater or blouse, etc.)
- Casual daytime wear (i.e. jeans, pants, skirts, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirt, etc.)
- Footwear (i.e. sneakers, athletic shoes, dress shoes, slippers, etc.)
- Outerwear (including coat, gloves/mittens, hat, earmuffs, and scarf)
- Rain gear (rain boots, rain jacket, and an umbrella)

#### **RESIDENCE LIFE ITEMS**

## **NEED to have item:**

- clothes hangers
- towels and wash cloths
- bed linens, blankets, and pillows
- extra-long twin bed sheets (deep pocket sheets work too)
- state-issued ID/passport
- hair dryer/curler/flat iron

- laundry supplies
- personal care products
- LED desk lamp (not halogen)
- thermometer
- first aid kit
- cleaning and disinfectant supplies
- personal insurance card(s)

- cups, silverware, bowls, etc.
- admission, financial aid, billing, and other college paperwork
- trash can
- recycling bin
- flashlight/battery lamp
- shower shoes/bathroom tote

#### **SMART to have items:**

- television
- calculator
- posters and pictures
- broom/dustpan or Swiffer
- stationery and stamps
- electric fan/ box fan
- door message board

- drying rack
- calendar/day planner
- earbuds/headphones
- poster putty or blue painter's tape
- over the door towel rack
- cell phone (we do not have public phones available)
- micro-fridge unit (one allowed per single/double room and two per triple/quad. Be sure to check with roommates – visit https://www.mymicrofridge.com)
- important phone numbers (Ex PCP/Doctor's office)

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

You should NOT bring the following items, which are banned from the residence halls for safety reasons (Chatham University reserves the right to add items to this list as deemed necessary):

- pets (excluding aquarium fish or any PRE-APPROVED service, emotional support or therapy animals)
- candles, incense, oil burners, or wax warmers
- personal mini-fridges or microwaves (Must rent via <a href="https://www.mymicrofridge.com">https://www.mymicrofridge.com</a>)
- "flushable" toilet wipes

- halogen lamps of any wattage
- space heater (unless provided by the University)
- air conditioners (unless approved for use)
- extension cords
- hover boards
- waterbeds, bed lofts, kits for stacking furniture
- explosives, ammunition, flares, or other dangerous weapons (ex. pocket knives larger than 2 ½ inches long)
- hot plates, toaster/toaster ovens, or any other appliance with an exposed heating coil (only permitted in Common-area and Apartments kitchens)

# **MICROWAVE & MINI-REFRIGERATOR RESTRICTIONS:**

Students are not permitted to bring a microwave or refrigerator from home. Any student who would like to have a microwave and/or refrigerator in their room must rent a Micro-Fridge unit. These combined microwave & refrigerator units can be rented for fall & spring. Prior to your arrival, we coordinate delivery of your unit so it is ready when you arrive. Following the end of the academic year, we will coordinate pick-up and return of the unit. You will just need to unplug, thaw, and clean your unit prior to departure.

The cost for renting a unit for the academic year is approximately \$200 (fall + spring). Students have the option of buying optional insurance to cover any damages that the unit may encounter. We encourage all students to talk to their roommate(s) to decide your Micro-Fridge needs and determine who is going to rent the unit.

**Note**: Microwaves and community refrigerators are located in each residence hall.

We limit the number of Micro-Fridges per room, using the grid below:

- Single Room 1 Micro-Fridge Unit
- Double Room (Two Person Room) 1 Micro-Fridge Unit
- Triple or Quad Room (Three person or four-person room) 2 Micro-Fridge Units

For more information about these units and how to rent one, visit our vendor's website: <a href="https://mymicrofridge.com">https://mymicrofridge.com</a>

## **UPPER CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALL LIVING**

Students residing in the Upper Campus residence halls will have a room that comes furnished with a bed, desk, and dresser for each roommate. Our residence halls are unique, and some rooms or areas will have more variations than others. Most rooms include a closet for each roommate (this varies in some areas). Residence hall rooms with suite-style bathrooms can bathroom supplies and cleaning supplies, or request them through the residence hall Housekeeping Staff.

## **APARTMENT LIVING (LOWER CAMPUS APARTMENTS)**

Students residing on the Fifth Avenue apartments located on Lower Campus are permitted to bring their own kitchen appliances. Each apartment comes fully furnished with beds, desks, dressers, couch, dining room table and chairs, and a coffee table. Apartments offer full kitchens equipped with a refrigerator and stove. Students who live in the apartments are responsible for their own cleaning supplies and bathroom supplies for their own apartment.

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