

Before you Arrive: Move-in Guide

Read through this document to help prepare yourself for Move-in Day. Here, you will find a cheat-sheet for what to do before you arrive on Move-in Day, a detailed packing list and so much more!

What to do before you arrive

We've created a to-do list for you, to ensure that your arrival on campus goes as smoothly as possible!

1. Take a look at the "Welcome Information" page, found on the Residence Life website. There you will find all the important documents and information you may need prior to move in day.
2. Go to your respective residence hall page and take a look at the layout and floor plans. There, you will also be able to meet your RAs!
3. Take a look at the Residence Community Living Standards (RCLS); it gives a detailed outline of the expectations and rules related to living in residence. Also check out our sample lease and the Additional Rules and Clauses, by reading it at home, you save time at your check-in, as you are asked to initial each page and sign it upon arrival.
4. Once you've received your room assignment, reach out to your roommate, bogmate or suite-mates. You wouldn't want to show up with two of everything! It's also the perfect way to get to know each other before moving in.
5. Join your building's Facebook group and keep up to date with everything you need to know before move-in day!
6. Finally, keep reading this move-in guide to learn more about living in Rez, Lennoxville and Sherbrooke!



Packing List

This list provides a good idea of what we recommend, you bring to BU when moving into Rez. This is what we recommend but not necessarily needed. You can easily purchase or order missing things once you are settled in on campus. Below, you will also find a list of things you should NOT bring to Rez.

What should I bring to BU?

✓ SLEEP

- Pillows and pillow cases
- Sheets (make sure to check what size bed you have been assigned!)
- Comforter/Quilt/Duvet
- Blanket (s)
- Alarm clock
- Mattress topper
- Hangers
- Extension cord

✓ DESK SUPPLIES

- Desk organizers
- Calendar
- Dry erase board or calendar (NOT wall mounted)
- Laptop accessories
- USB flash drive/hard drive
- Folders
- Agenda
- Push pins (if you have a bulletin board)

✓ CLOTHES

- Undergarments
- Socks
- Pants/jeans
- Shorts
- Shirts/blouses
- Sweaters
- Lounge wear
- Pajamas
- Bathrobe
- Workout gear and swimsuit
- Business-casual clothes
- One or two fancier options
- Slippers
- Sneakers

- Boots (especially for winter!)
- Flats
- Light/heavy rain jacket
- Winter coat
- Gloves, hats, scarves

✓ KITCHEN

- Reusable water bottle
- 1 mug
- 1 reusable plastic plate, bowl, cup
- 1 or 2 sets of utensils
- 1 Traveling mug

✓ ORGANISATION and CLEANING

- Laundry hamper
- Closet organization
- Disinfectant wipes
- Small bottle of dish soap
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets

✓ BATHROOM

- Shower caddy
- Flip flops/shower shoes (crucial for traditional style living!)
- Bathmat
- Mini first aid kit
- Toiletries

✓ MISCELANEOUS

- Rug
- Shoe organizer
- Chargers
- Fan
- Headphones/earbuds



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OPTIONAL ITEMS

Please note, although not included in our packing list, you may also bring a printer, microwave, mini-fridge, kettle, and pop up toaster if desired.

What NOT to bring

- Candles/incense
- Space heaters or Halogen lamps
- Deep Fryers, toaster ovens, hot plates, etc.
- Pets (only fish are allowed! Please make sure you find a babysitter for the holidays!)
- Large appliances or any other large furniture
- Weapons (i.e. firearms, knives, swiss army knives, pellet guns, cap guns, bb guns, paintball guns, dangerous items, etc.)
- Explosives (i.e. firecrackers, fireworks, propane tanks, dynamite, fuel, etc.)
- Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia (i.e. grinder, hand pipes, water pipes, hookah, home-made devices, vapes, plants, etc.)
- Routers – All of our Residence Halls now have WiFi!
- Command hooks/strips and 3M tape

What is in my Residence Room/Hall?

- Fully furnished bedroom including:
 - Bed, mattress and mattress cover
 - Chest of drawers
 - Desk & chair
 - Waste basket & recycling bin
 - Closet
 - Window curtains
 - Telephone
 - Mirror (will vary depending on residence hall)
 - Bulletin board (Mackinnon, Norton & Pollack and Paterson only)
 - Paterson Hall units also include a fridge and stove
- Storage space is available during the summer for returning residence students
- Temporary storage space for all residence students (i.e. sports equipment)
- Separate residence-only study halls
- Common areas with pool tables, satellite TV and free WiFi access
- Indoor bicycle storage & direct access to regional bicycle trails
- Electricity, heat and hot water included in your rent
- On-site payable laundry facilities
- A commitment to only an 8-month lease, not 12 months like many off-campus leases



Back in first year... I wish I knew...

- Provigo (grocery store) has student discounts on Monday's
- There are free counseling services offered to students
- The Sports Centre has a Medical and Sports Medicine Clinic for students
- Each building has a vacuum you can easily borrow
- There are great academic resources to help you succeed (i.e. Peer Tutoring, Writing Centre, Student Accessibility and Accommodation Services, Help Centres, etc.)
- You don't have to drink to fit in at Bishop's
- Dewhurst Dining Hall (Dewies) will make you a boxed lunch if you are in a rush or don't have time to run back between classes, must be reserved in advance! They can also help you find what works for various dietary needs. All you need to do is ask!
- Clubs are actually amazing and they are a great way to make friends!
- RA events were there for me and the programs they put on are there to satisfy the interests of the residents in my community!
- If I forgot something, I can easily go into Sherbrooke (10 minutes away by car) to buy it at Carrefour de l'Estrie (local mall), Walmart, Michael's, Canadian Tire, Winners/Homesense, etc.
- La Maison du Cinéma (local movie theater) has student pricing – you can go watch a movie for under \$10!
- Sherbrooke is not that far! There are lots of fun things to do and see!



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