

## Before you Arrive: Move-in Guide

Read through this document to help prepare yourself for your Move-in Day appointment. Here, you will find a cheat-sheet for what to do before you arrive on your 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. We will be adding more info, so make sure you keep checking it periodically!
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. Make sure you take the time to read each document carefully.
4. Once you've received your room assignment, an email containing your lease, by-laws of the immovable and Residence Community Living Standards (RCLS) copy will be sent to you. Follow the instructions in the email regarding electronically signing said documents.
5. Make sure you upload your photo for your ID card on myBU. If no picture is provided, no move-in appointment will be given to you as your ID card will need to be prepared prior to your arrival.
6. Once you've received your room assignment, reach out to your 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.
7. Finally, keep reading this move-in guide to learn more about living in Rez, Lennoxville and Sherbrooke!



## Packing List

### MANDATORY ITEMS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19

- Personal thermometer
- Face cover or mask (we recommend you bring a few to alternate in between washes!)

### What should I bring to BU?

The list below provides a good idea of what we recommend you bring when moving into Rez. Not all items are necessary, and you can easily purchase or order missing things once you are settled in on campus.

#### ✓ 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

#### ✓ CLOTHES

- Undergarments and 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!)
- Light/heavy rain jacket
- Winter coat
- Gloves, hats, scarves

#### ✓ KITCHEN

- Reusable water bottle
- 1 mug and/or 1 traveling mug
- 1 reusable plastic plate, bowl, cup
- 1 or 2 sets of utensils
- Any kitchenware you would need in Paterson Hall (it is not included)

#### ✓ DESK SUPPLIES

- Desk organizers
- Calendar
- Dry erase board or calendar (NOT wall mounted)
- Folders
- Agenda
- Push pins (if you have a bulletin board)

#### ✓ ORGANISATION and CLEANING

- Laundry hamper
- Hangers
- Shoe organizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Small bottle of dish soap
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets

#### ✓ BATHROOM

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

#### ✓ MISCELLANEOUS

- Laptop accessories
- Headphones/earbuds
- USB flash drive/hard drive
- Extension cord(s)
- Chargers
- Fan
- Rug

## 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. hand pipes, water pipes, hookah, home-made devices, plants, etc.)
- Routers – All of our Residence Halls now have WiFi!
- Command hooks/strips and 3M tape

### What is included 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 and Paterson only)
  - Paterson Hall units also include a fridge and stove

\* Please note that kitchenware is not included in Paterson apartments

- A commitment to only an 8-month lease, not 12 months like many off-campus leases
- 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



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

At Bishop's:

- Free counselling services are offered to students on a walk-in basis. There is also a Counsellor in Residence who is reserved for students who live in residence. Their office is conveniently located in Paterson residence.
- The Sports Centre has a Medical and Sports Medicine Clinic for students.
- There are great academic resources to help you succeed (i.e. Peer Tutoring, Writing Centre, Student Accessibility and Accommodation Services, Help Centres, etc.).
- Dewhurst Dining Hall (Dewies) staff can help you find what works for various dietary needs. All you need to do is ask!
- You don't have to drink to fit in at Bishop's.
- 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! You have a cool program idea? Let your RA know!

In town:

- Provigo (grocery store) has student discounts on Monday's
- If I forgot to bring something when moving into Rez, providing that I am not in quarantine, I can 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!

