Packing For Fall Semester

2020 has been a tumultuous year on campuses across the country with evacuations, remote learning, and either sudden or prolonged move out periods. Certainly there are lessons here for all students to learn as they prepare for this fall semester. As students pack, we ask that they be mindful of what they are bringing, how they transport it, and how difficult will it may be for them to move their items quickly in the event of a campus closure. W&M hopes we will have a relatively "normal" year ahead, but we also believe that we should plan for all semester possibilities.

Packing Guidelines

- Only pack essentials! Pack items for 2-3 weeks rather than the full semester.
- Limit the amount of clothing you bring to campus. As the semester will be ending prior to December there will be no need to bring all of your winter clothing with you in August.
- Remove items from bulky boxes in order to save space while packing.
- Pack items in plastic bins. These can be stored under the bed, protecting items from water and pests. They can also be easily transported and/or stored in an emergency.
- Do not bring any additional furniture such as homemade lofts, shelves, futons, etc. These are bulky and hard to move and transport. If you need a loft or futon (or micro-fridge) consider renting units from Dorms Direct as those items can remain behind if needed.
- Residents are expected to have minimal decorations. This year we ask that you scale back significantly on these items, again in the interest of easily transported and stored items in case of a campus closure.
• Bath, hand towels, and wash cloths
• Bed sheets (for appropriate bed scale) and pillow case
• Blankets/Comforter
• Pillow
• Hangers
• Laundry basket
• Toothbrush and toothpaste
• Brush and Comb
• Shaving items
• Hair styling products/appliances
• Bath soap
• Basket to carry toiletries back and forth to the bathroom
• Shower shoes
• Desk lamp
• Plates/bowls
• Cups/glasses
• Thermostatically controlled coffee maker

• Bathroom cleaner
• Dusting cloth
• Sponges
• Broom/dustpan
• Flashlight and batteries
• Basic tools (screwdriver, hammer, etc.)
• Surge protectors
• Small first aid supplies
• Medicine (prescription and over the counter)
• Personal thermometer
• Television
• Headphones
• Small refrigerator (one per room)
• Microwave
• Small vacuum
• Printer
• Bike/lock
• Small electric fan
• Important documents (passport, etc.)

prohibited items
• Candles
• Cooking utensils
• Small appliances
• Removable wall paper
• Curtains
• Large Rugs
• Air conditioners
• Large amounts of décor items
• Personal furniture