

BEDROOM

- Mattress
- Mattress topper or mattress pad
- Box spring or foundation spring
- Bed frame
- Sheets
- Comforter or blankets
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Nightstand or small table
- Dresser
- Clothes hangers and coat hangers

- Laundry hamper
- Iron and ironing board or a clothes steamer

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Reading lamp *(If you need one)*
- Mirror
- Floor lamp *(If the lighting is poor)*
- Alarm clock
- Window treatments
- Desk and chair

KITCHEN

- Plates
- Bowls
- Silverware *(Forks, spoons, and knives)*
- Mugs/coffee cups
- Water glasses
- Reusable water bottles
- Plastic water bottles
- Dish towels
- Kitchen trash can *(If your unit doesn't come with one)*
- Paper towels
- Food storage containers or plastic bags
- Cutting board
- Mixing bowls
- Measuring cups
- Colander
- Bottle/can/wine opener
- Aluminum foil, plastic wrap, wax paper, or all three
- Table and chairs or bar stools
- Dish soap
- Kitchen scrubbers or sponges
- Pots and pans *(2-quartz saucepan, large stock pot, baking sheet, cookie sheet, or baking/casserole dish)*
- Coffee pot/kettle
- Microwave *(If your unit doesn't come with one)*
- Cooking utensils *(Spatulas, wooden spoon, slotted spoon, whisk, cutting knives set, or ladle)*
- Oven mitts
- Ice cube tray *(If your freezer doesn't make ice)*

REFRIGERATOR ITEMS

- Eggs
- Milk
- Juice
- Butter
- Cheese
- Fresh fruits
- Fresh veggies

FREEZER ITEMS

- Frozen pizza
- Frozen dinners
- Frozen meat
- Frozen fruits
- Frozen veggies
- Ice cream or frozen desserts

PANTRY ITEMS

- Rice
- Bread
- Cereal
- Dried pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Salt
- Pepper
- Spices you cook with *(To save money, buy spices as you need them vs. buying a spice rack)*
- Oil
- Brown and white sugar

PANTRY ITEMS CONTINUED

- Flour
- Baking powder
- Baking soda
- Vanilla extract
- Vinegar
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Serving platters
- Chip clips
- Toaster/toaster oven
- Hand/electric mixer
- Paper towel holder
- Silverware organizer
- Water filter
- Dish drying rack

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Blender
- Crockpot or Instant Pot
- Serving utensils

BATHROOM

- Toiletries** (*Toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream, etc.*)
- Bath towels
- Hand towels
- Soap
- Toilet scrubber
- Toilet cleaning solution
- Toilet paper
- Toilet holder (*If your unit doesn't come with one*)
- Plunger
- Tissues
- Bathroom rug
- Shower curtain and rod (*If your unit needs one*)
- Shower curtain hooks (*If your shower curtain doesn't come with them*)
- Bathroom waste basket

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Shower curtain liner
- Air freshener spray
- Toothbrush holder
- Soap dispenser
- Multiple hand towels
- Multiple bath towels
- Face towels
- Lotion
- Water cup

LIVING ROOM

- Couch** (*If a couch is out of your budget, try bean bags or plastic chairs with cushions to get you by until you can afford a couch*)
- Coffee table
- Television
- Entertainment unit/setup
- Floor lights (*If the lighting is poor*)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Rug
- End tables
- Bookshelf
- Décor (*Houseplants, candles, vases, or artwork*)
- Streaming devices
- Speakers
- TV wall mount

HOME TOOLKIT

- Screwdriver set** (*Make sure you have a Phillips and flathead as well*)
- Hammer**
- Measuring tape**
- Duct tape**
- Crescent wrench**
- Hammer**
- Channel lock pliers**
- Nail and wall hooks** (*or anchors with screws built into them*)

- Command strips**
- A drill**
- A drill bit set**

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Step ladder or step stool**
- Stud finder**
- Spackle and putty knife**

CLEANING

- Broom and dustpan or vacuum** (*Get a handheld vacuum if you don't want to use a broom and dustpan but a regular-sized vacuum is too expensive*)
- Spray mop with washable pads or a mop and bucket**
- Multi-purpose cleaner and washable cloths**
- Laundry detergent**
- Laundry softener**
- Garbage bags**

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Stain remover**
- Color catchers**
- Microfiber cloths**
- Cleaning wipes**

FIRST-AID KIT

- Band-Aids**
- Thermometer**
- Benadryl, Advil, Aspirin, etc.**
- Antacids**
- Tweezers**
- Small scissors**
- Aloe**
- Emergency or every day personal medicine**

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Cold/flu medicines**
- Cough drops**
- Cough syrup or pills**
- Large bandages or wraps**
- Ice packs**
- Cotton balls**

SAFETY

- Smoke detector**
- Carbon monoxide detector**
- Fire extinguisher** (*If your unit doesn't come with one*)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Matches or lighters**
- Flashlight**
- Security cameras**

MISCELLANEOUS

- Umbrella
- Batteries
- Scissors
- Scotch tape
- Fans *(If your unit doesn't have one or not one in the bedroom and it gets hot where you live)*
- Paper shredder
- Key hook
- Coat rack or over-the-door hooks
- HDMI cords
- Power strips/extension cords

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that you might want or need but could buy later.

- Light bulbs *(If you want to replace them yourself vs. the maintenance team doing it)*
- Space heaters
- Printer and printer ink

OTHER RESOURCES

You should compare prices, read authentic reviews, and ensure quality when shopping for apartment essentials.

After you find what you need, you also can check out our moving guides for a:

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- [One-bedroom apartment](#)
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- [Piano moving](#)
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