University of Maine at Farmington Packing List

A list of items you may want to consider bringing when you move in to your new home at the University of Maine at Farmington.

- **Bedding materials**
  This includes fitted and loose sheets, pillow(s) and pillow case(s), blanket and/or comforter. If you want additional padding, you might want to purchase a mattress pad or topper. All beds are a standard twin size and are NOT extra long. If you need an extra long bed to accommodate your height, we have a limited number of beds available upon request. Please contact the Student Life office this summer to request one.

- **Alarm clock**

- **Flashlight**

- **Shower caddy and flip flops**
  You will be sharing a bathroom down the hall with other residents. A shower caddy or basket can be helpful in transporting your toiletries back and forth. Flip flops are a must for a community shower to keep your feet nice and healthy!

- **Toiletries**

- **Bathrobe**

- **Coat hangers**

- **Set of “dress” clothes and dress shoes**
  You are asked to dress nicely for Convocation (if you are a new student) and it is a good idea to have on hand a set of “dressier” clothes for various events or banquets throughout the year. Depending on your gender, this might include a dress or skirt and blouse, or a dress shirt, necktie and dress pants.

- **Can opener**

- **Basic cooking tools and dishes**
  A good pot and pan, along with a few other kitchen tools and some dishes may be helpful, especially if you like to cook. Please note that knives CANNOT be longer than 4 inches.

- **Simple medical supplies such as bandages and aspirin**

- **Personal medications and prescriptions**

- **School supplies**
- **Laundry supplies**  
  This includes detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, fabric softener, an iron and small ironing board, and a laundry bag or basket. You also want to make sure to bring cash in $5, $10, or $20 bills to load your laundry card at the machine in the Student Center. It only takes cash.

- **Trash can and trash bags**  
  You also may want to bring a separate container for recycling. There are also recycling centers in each residence hall. The hall cooperatives use the money made from all recycled bottles and cans collected in the building to create programs for resident students like you.

- **Basic cleaning supplies**  
  Items like a broom and dustpan, dusting sheets, glass cleaner, and a basic all-in-one cleaner will help you keep a neat and tidy room. Remember, residents are in charge of cleaning their own rooms and Mom and Dad aren’t going to be here to pick up after you.

- **Adhesive materials**  
  You may want to hang a few items on your walls. Just make sure that the materials you use do not damage the walls or you will be charged for each wall damaged.

- **Small white board and markers**  
  Stick this on your door so others can leave you messages when you are out of the room.

- **Storage items and containers**  
  Places like Walmart, Target, the Container Store, and Bed Bath & Beyond will have an array of containers for you to maximize your space and store items.

- **Floor covering**  
  All of the rooms have tile floors with a few exceptions. Take a look at our website for information on what size to bring for your specific room.

- **Electrical items: All electrical items must be UL approved**  
  The University of Maine at Farmington places a big focus on sustainability and energy conservation, which means Energy Star rated products are strongly encouraged! Make sure to talk with your roommate(s) about who is bringing what to save space and energy.

- **Fridge**  
  The University of Maine at Farmington is implementing a one fridge per room policy this year. All fridges need to be 4.6 cubic feet or smaller in size and use 2.0 amps or less. A large community fridge is also typically available for use in the community kitchen.

- **Microwave**  
  Microwaves need to use 800 watts or less. A microwave is also typically available for use in the community kitchen.

- **Fan**  
  It can get a little toasty during the beginning and end of the school year so a fan might be useful. Air conditioning units are NOT allowed.
- **Lamp**
  There is lighting in all of the rooms but a desk lamp or a standing lamp for the corner of the room can add extra lighting and a softer light to the room.

- **Cooking/heating appliances**
  Bring whatever you feel that you will need. You may want to consider a coffeemaker and/or George Foreman Grill. Keep in mind that the on-campus Snack Bar in the Student Center and Coffee By Design Café in Mantor Library are great places to swing by and grab that morning coffee or a late night snack. Any cooking or heating appliances with an open coil or heating element are NOT allowed.

- **UL Extension Cords/surge protectors**
  These will allow you to plug in multiple items safely. Please make sure not to place too many appliances on one outlet as this could cause a fire safety hazard.

- **Cable for cable television hook-up**
  Each room has one cable connection and basic cable is provided for residents with the cost included in your housing fee. More channels are available on the television in each residence hall lounge.

- **Television**
  Flat screens are great but you will not be able to drill into the wall, so smaller TVs that can stand on their own will be better.

- **Telephone**
  Each room has one place to connect a landline phone. If you wish to use a phone and not a cellphone, you will need to bring a phone and telephone cord. Cordless phones using 2.4G.Hz or 5.8 G.Hz are not allowed. You will also want to bring a prepaid phone card as phone calls not made to numbers on campus or locally will require a prepaid phone card. Each room has a pre-assigned number. Just contact the Assistant Director for Residence Life and Housing to get this number.

- **Computer and printer**
  There is a computer lab on campus with access to both Macs and PCs, along with a printer. Students are allowed to bring personal computers and printers as well. The campus and all of the residence halls are wireless but there are also two Ethernet ports per room so you might want to bring an Ethernet cord as well.

- **Additional furniture**
  You may want to bring in another chair, a small table, etc. Just keep in mind all pieces of University owned furniture (typically one bed, one closet or armoire, one dresser, and one desk and chair per resident) must stay in the room for the entirety of the year and are not allowed to be removed from the room. Futons and small couches do not tend to fit in the rooms because most beds cannot be raised high enough so you may want to wait to see if you think a futon will fit before bringing one. You CANNOT loft the beds.
Items NOT permitted:

- Items with or that use an open flame including candles, incense burners, etc. Lighters are permitted for students who smoke but should only be used outside for the purpose of lighting cigarettes and cigars.

- Items with an exposed heating element or coil such as hotplates, Bunsen burners, toasters, and toaster ovens

- Electrical space heaters

- Air conditioning units

- Halogen lamps

- Knives longer than 4 inches

- Cooking or heating appliances with an open coil or heating element

- Bed risers are permitted but must be made of plastic and be no taller than 4 inches (You can usually find these at stores like Walmart and Bed Bath & Beyond)

- Lofted beds – remember, you CANNOT loft the beds

- Pets, with the exception of fish, are not allowed. There is a limit of one fish container per resident with a maximum capacity of ten gallons per container. (Seriously, you want to bring a fish to college?)

And finally …

If you forget something or want to wait to purchase a few items after you see your new home, don’t worry. We have several stores here in Farmington including Walmart, Reny’s, a Family Dollar store and more. And nearby in Auburn, Lewiston and Augusta there are also Walmarts, Targets, Bed Bath & Beyonds, Best Buys, Staples, Office Max, etc.

So, you do not have to bring absolutely everything with you when you move in.

Relax. Take a deep breath. Things will be fine. You’re going to love it here.

And we can’t wait to see you!