



# Green Move-In Guide

## Reduce Your Environmental Impact

### WHAT TO BRING TO CAMPUS

- ◆ Reusable kitchen ware – storage containers, plates, cups, utensils, etc.
- ◆ Refillable water bottles and coffee mugs. Filtered water refill stations are located across campus. Cafes and outlets offer a discount for coffee refills if you bring your own mug.
- ◆ Energy star rated electronics and appliances.
- ◆ Power strips. Many devices draw energy even when turned off. Plug all your electronic devices into a power strip, and simply flip the switch when they are not in use. Be sure it includes a surge protector/circuit breaker.
- ◆ A bicycle – get around downtown quickly and easily. Don't forget a helmet, lock and lights.
- ◆ Energy-efficient LED light bulbs.
- ◆ Plants for your room - they help clean the air and bring a bit of nature indoors!
- ◆ Reusable shopping bags.
- ◆ Warm bedding and clothing – conserve energy by putting on a sweater or adding an extra blanket before you turn up the heat.
- ◆ Recycled content – paper, notebooks, and other school supplies.

### TIPS FOR PACKING

- ◆ Use reusable totes and suitcases that will last for years to come.
- ◆ Wrap fragile items with clothing, sheets or towels instead of packing materials.
- ◆ Talk to your roommate before moving in to discuss who will be responsible for bringing particular furnishings to the room. There's no need for two televisions or microwaves!
- ◆ Plan ahead to avoid multiple car trips to bring all of your things to campus.

### WHAT NOT TO PACK

- ◆ A personal printer. We provide free printing to students at multiple locations. Don't forget to print double sided.
- ◆ Electric heaters or blankets.

### RECYCLING

- ◆ Please breakdown your boxes and look for signs directing you to cardboard recycling area or bins.

# Tips for Green Living

## REDUCE WASTE

- ◆ Reuse or recycle cardboard from moving into your dorm room.
- ◆ Coffee lover? Bring your own mug and refill on campus at a discounted rate!
- ◆ Avoid bottled water – carry a reusable bottle and take advantage of the free filtered water refill stations located across campus.
- ◆ Recycle paper, plastic, cans, rechargeable batteries and cardboard on campus. More details at:

[mines.edu/sustainability/recycling-on-campus/](https://mines.edu/sustainability/recycling-on-campus/)

- ◆ Carry reusable shopping bags to the store.
- ◆ Print double sided and avoid printing if possible.
- ◆ Buy secondhand and donate goods.
- ◆ Rent your textbooks instead of buying new.

## GREEN YOUR LIFESTYLE

- ◆ Go car free! Bike, walk or opt for public transportation. All students receive an RTD Pass with enrollment.
- ◆ Use the Zipcar system for a convenient way to travel around without having to keep a car on campus.
- ◆ Rent a bike from the Outdoor Rec Center on Elm Street (they also rent skis, canoes, etc.)
- ◆ Choose meat free meals several times per week.
- ◆ Shop local markets and small businesses.

## SAVE WATER

- ◆ Limit shower time to five minutes.
- ◆ Wash only full loads of laundry and use cold water to minimize energy and water use.
- ◆ Don't leave the water running while you wash the dishes.
- ◆ If you notice a water leak or a dripping tap in your room, report it immediately by submitting a work order or tell your designated RA.

## CONSERVE ENERGY

- ◆ Turn off the lights when not in your room.
- ◆ Dress for the weather! Add layers of clothing before turning up the heat.
- ◆ Enable your computer's power saving settings.
- ◆ Turn down the heat when you're not in your room and keep the windows closed when the heat is on.
- ◆ Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Walk down them if you can't walk up.
- ◆ For more energy and water saving tips and to keep current, sign up for People.Power.Planet at [mines.peoplepowerplanet.com](https://mines.peoplepowerplanet.com).

