Essential Items to buy AFTER coming to Rochester (Quarantine Edition!)

Incoming students who are coming to unfurnished graduate student apartments (Goler house, Whipple park or University park).

These are the things you will have in your apartment

- Fridge
- Stove
- Oven
- Only kitchen, bathroom and hallway will have lights

Here is a list of minimum number of things you will need to buy to get started in quarantine.

- Sim card – Popular carriers are Verizon, AT&T, cricket among others. Visit their website to buy a sim card online. Alternately, get roaming service or Matrix card before coming here to survive the initial days.
- Wifi connection – Spectrum (only option for grad housing) or greenlight are some popular wifi service providers here. You can ask the whipple/upk/goler office for more details or go to their website.
- Masks
- Hand sanitizer
- Floor Lamps for your room and living room (they won't have any lighting).
- Bulbs
- Comforter (invest in a good one. Winter is coming)
- Pillow
- Mattress
- Cleaning supplies - dishwasher soap, laundry soap*, scotch brite etc.
- Cloth drying rack*
- Kitchen tissue rolls
- Bathroom toilet paper
- Hand wash soap
- Shower curtain
- Dustbin

*You probably won't be able to do laundry in the common grad housing laundry, due to quarantine. You might have to wash clothes on your own. Or get more clothes

These items can be ordered online from Walmart, amazon, Instacart, Target or any such website. Your forex card should be able to make these purchases.
Groceries

Popular stores to get groceries delivered are Walmart, Wegmans, Instacart for day to day needs. Rochester has two Indian grocery stores – Namaste Cash&Carry and Spice Bazaar.

Contact them at https://www.namastegrocery.com/delivery-available or http://www.spicebazaarofrochester.com/ and ask about home delivery.

Ordering in food

Food ordering services like DoorDash and GrubHub can deliver restaurant food to you during quarantine.