**Shopping Genie**

**Ethernet cables must be at least CAT-5 and have RJ-45 connectors.** The average length used is 10ft, but please keep in mind this is based on furniture staying in specific configuration. It is STRONGLY recommended not to purchase the cable prior to moving in. Room set up and configuration will determine length of cable needed.

The UR bookstore and University IT Computer Sales have cables available on campus once you know what length you will need. Electronics stores such as Radio Shack, & Best Buy also carry Ethernet cables.

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### List of items helpful but not necessary...

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<td><em>Most students bring both.</em> An Ethernet cable is needed for best connection and speed in the residence halls. There is one high-speed Internet connection for each person in each room. Wireless internet is available in freshman halls and on many parts of the campus. There are also computer labs accessible to students virtually around the clock.*</td>
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| **Refrigerator & Microwave** |
| *Two options:* |
| 1. Contact “Refrigerator Leasing Company, Inc.” (Brochure enclosed) to rent a unit for academic year. |
| 2. Purchase both items Maximum size allowed for refrigerators is 4.3 cubic feet.* |

| **Area Rugs** |
| Residence hall rooms vary in shapes and sizes. It is advised to wait until you are settled before buying a rug. Assess the space available. Keep in mind that rugs do require additional care.* |

| **Heavy Duty Extension Cords with Safety Circuit Breakers** |
| *A must have. For safety these may not be chained.* Buy long ones. |

| **Storage Bins** |
| Bins that can fit under a bed or are stackable are ideal for space saving.* |

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### Please Note: Items such as Fans, Irons, Ironing Boards, & Mattress Toppers are useful, but remember to choose items that are compact and that you are likely to use regularly.

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**Grading:**

You will fail Packing 101 if you bring the following:

**Pets** are prohibited with the exception of fish in a small aquarium (no larger than 5 gallons.)

**Illegal Drugs** according to federal, state, local, and University regulations. **Also, all freshmen residence living areas are alcohol-free (dry) and non-smoking.**

**No Open Flames**

So don’t bring candles, incense or any type of décor, appliance or lantern that burns.

**Non-Approved Cooking Equipment**

Cooking equipment and appliances such as, but not limited to, toasters, toaster ovens, hot pots, heating coils, George Forman Grill®. In general anything with an exposed coil/heating surface is not allowed.

**Mattresses**

Mattresses are provided by UR and meet fire safety regulations. You may not bring your own.

**Space Heaters & Window Air Conditioners** are simply not allowed. Don’t bring them.

**Octopus-Style Lamps**

These and other upwardly facing bowl lamps are prohibited.

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Cell phones are widely used on campus. Students have the option of contracting with University IT if they would like a landline phone. Courtesy phones are provided in each hallway with campus, local, and toll-free access. Please refer to postcard enclosed with this mailing.

Enclosed is your housing assignment and contact information for your future roommate. Use this information to break the ice and coordinate what items each of you will bring. Remember being creative with space is a key to successful residence hall living!!
**Packing 101**

**Welcome to the University of Rochester!**

To help ease your preparations and planning for arrival to UR, we prepared a crash course - Packing 101.

Residence hall rooms vary in size and style across the campus, but every student is provided with a bed, desk and chair, dresser, closet space, wastebasket, recycling bin, and basic window coverings.

**The Basics:**

**DO NOT BRING EVERYTHING YOU OWN.**

Leave some things at home. All University furniture must remain in your room. Storage is limited to what you can fit into your room!

Being creative with space is a key to success for residence hall living. Clothes you never wear or objects that gather dust only take up valuable space.

Remember, Rochester is a city! There are malls and other commercial centers accessible to every student, and buses that take you there. Save a little space for purchases you will make while you are here.

Yes, summer in Rochester is beautiful, but it rarely lasts beyond October 1st. Fall and winter are the dominant seasons, so bring clothes you will actually need!

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**Prior to purchasing any appliances, decorative items, or lighting fixtures please read the “Fire & Life Safety Guidelines” brochure.**

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**You will spend a lot of time in your residence hall. So a few comforts from home make all the difference. Don’t forget:**

- **Bedding.** This includes pillows, sheets (Extra-long twin: the beds are 36” x 80”), and a comforter/blanket.
- **Clothes.** Please refer to the last rule in The Basics section (on the left)
- **Hangers.**
- **An alarm clock.** A true enemy, but professors frown on latecomers.
- **Shower Slippers and Bathrobe.** Your parents may not mind if you walk around in a towel, but the bathrooms are typically down the hall, therefore a robe and slippers would be wise.
- **Shower tote and supplies.** This usually is a plastic basket-like caddy filled with all the supplies you use to have good personal hygiene. Deodorant, lotion, shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush and paste, hair dryer, etc.
- **Towels.** How many depends on how often you do laundry.
- **Laundry basket/bag and detergent.** In a size you can carry when packed with dirty laundry. Our laundry rooms are equipped with HIGH EFFICIENCY washers, so you will not need the 180 oz. bargain jug-o-detergent.
- **Decorations.** Posters and other items to personalize your room. Please bring adhesive that is removable and does not damage the walls, such as Poster Putty, or UHU Tac Adhesive Putty. Read the fine print… students will be charged for any damages to University property. The New York State Fire Code mandates that no more than 20% of the wall can be covered.
- **First Aid Kit and supplies.**
- **Medicines and supplements.** Any legal medication to fight off the evil headaches and pains. Vitamins are always a great idea. A lockbox for prescriptions is good.
- **Headphones.** Like loud music at 3am? Headphones are an easy way to avoid roommate conflict.
- **School Supplies.** Use your judgment, supplies can be purchased anywhere.
- **Flashlight.** For the unlikely power outage. Or for telling ghost stories late at night.