

COLLEGE MOVING CHECKLIST

(which you can print!)



Discovering that you've been accepted into college brings waves of excitement! But once the initial thrill settles, it's time to consider the practical side: preparing for your big move and figuring out what to bring along. Here's how you can make the process much smoother.

2 MONTHS BEFORE

EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Before the local buzz begins, take a stroll around the campus to get acquainted with your new surroundings. Familiarize yourself with important spots like libraries, student centers, and the lecture halls where you'll attend classes. Don't forget to swing by the Admissions Office during your visit.

ORGANIZE YOUR STUFF

Put together a moving binder to keep all your essential documents in one place. Your driver's license, state ID, and official school papers should have a cozy home in there.

PREPARE YOUR PACKING TOOLS

Start gathering the packing essentials – think packing tape, boxes, snazzy markers, scissors, and labels. Unless you chose to get professional packing services like Smart Penny Moving offers!

SCOUT OUT HOUSING

Your moving strategy depends on whether you'll be dorm-living or doing the off-campus groove. If it's the former, you'll be hauling less since the uni usually sets you up. But for off-campus dwellers, there's more to shuffle. If off-campus living is your vibe, jump into the housing hunt early. This gives you time to get to know the neighborhoods around your college and dodge the last-minute scramble.

CHOOSE YOUR MOVING STYLE

The way you move hinges on a bunch of things: on-campus or off, distance, and your wallet's mood. If you're just hauling a handful of things to a nearby campus, maybe grab the wheel or rope in a buddy. But if it's a caravan of boxes and furniture, consider the pros: Smart Penny Moving!

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DOUBLE-CHECK YOUR DORM STATUS

If you're all set for on-campus living, take a peek to see if your housing application got the green light and which cozy dorm is your new address.

CHOOSE WHAT STAYS AND WHAT GOES

Don't fall into the "bring everything" trap that freshmen often tumble into. Streamline your packing by focusing on the essentials. If something doesn't scream "need this," leave it behind.

HUNT FOR MOVING MAGIC NUMBERS

The amazing and friendly team from Smart Penny Moving will always give you a fair price for your relocation project and even throw in some discounts! We know stretching your wings is scary the first time.

LOCK IN A MOVING ADVENTURE

Once you and your move coordinator set up the plan, secure the services that match your checklist on your preferred date/s. Booking in advance means dodging the moving rush when everyone and their cat decides to relocate so you can totally save some cash.

SKETCH YOUR DORM PACKING PLAN

Put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and jot down your packing game plan. Tackle it category by category – kitchen gear, school supplies, threads – to make your packing chore feel like a breeze.



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START PACKING THE BOXES

Gather any items you'll carry but won't require at hand, and put them into boxes. The sooner you start packing, the less stressed you'll be on moving day.

START SHOPPING FOR MOVING

Remember the college packing list you wrote with your college dorm essentials list? Refer to it and start shopping for any essentials you may not have, like beddings, stationery, and toiletries. Be careful not to buy too much, though – you can always stock up on depleted supplies at school.

VISIT YOUR DOCTOR

Pay your doctor a visit for a checkup and replenish any medication you'll need to carry to school.

START BIDDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY FAREWELL

Once you have ticked off most of the items on your College Checklist, start saying your goodbyes. Plan a farewell party, even if it's just a small party with a few close friends.

FINALIZE YOUR MOVING PLAN

We want to make sure we're all on the same page when it comes to moving logistics so if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call us. Direct line for the support department is: 617-665-7486.



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MOVING DAY IS HERE!

WRAP UP YOUR PERSONAL GOODIES

Give your laptop and other precious bits their VIP treatment. Keep them close, whether in your trusty backpack or your wheels.

GIVE THOSE DOCUMENTS A ONCE-OVER

Give your important papers a little love. Before the big day, give them a double-check to make sure they're all set and ready to roll with you to college.

PROFIT!

We've reached the end of our checklist so that means you can start relaxing. The hard part is over. The experienced crew from Smart Penny Moving is ready to take it from here. All you need to do now is point - what goes, what doesn't - and then consult with the crew on where you want each item to be placed - so you can feel as comfortable as possible in your new place!



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F.A.Q

How to Make a Cross-Country Move as a College Student?

Embarking on a cross-country journey as a college student is totally doable with the help of professional movers. Here at Smart Penny Moving we handle all types of projects and will make sure your belongings reach your destination safely and right on schedule.

Can I Get in Touch with My Roommate in Advance?

Some colleges set you up with your future roommate before the semester kicks off. If your college does this, it's a golden chance to sync up with your roomie and get your living situation all sorted.

Are There Things I Shouldn't Bring Along?

Steer clear of flammable stuff like lighter fluid and paint – those are no-go items. Plus, even though we're carrying most of your stuff, there might be some things that dorm rules don't allow. Make sure to check the list of restricted items to avoid any hiccups.

When's the Big Move-In Day?

The exact day you can move in depends on your campus, but usually, freshmen get a head start a few days before the rest of the students. This helps you settle in and get the lay of the land. To know your specific move-in day, just check your school's online calendar.

What's the Deal with Elevators, Carts, or Dollies for Moving?

Elevators designed for bigger loads can be a game-changer. It's wise to find out if they're available before the moving day. And for those hefty items, no worries – we've got carts and dollies in our toolkit to make your moving experience super smooth.