



WELCOME TO ON-CAMPUS HOUSING AT COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY - BLOOMSBURG

Please read through this newsletter carefully while you prepare to arrive on campus, as it includes important information and reminders. Use the What to Bring and What Not to Bring sections as a reference as you decide what to pack. Please also review all of the items in the *Resident Welcome Packet*, available at reslife.bloomu.edu, for additional information and links to campus resources.

Welcome to the Residence Life community. We look forward to meeting you upon your arrival.

MOVE-IN DAY

Move in is always a bustle of activity both inside and outside our residence halls and campus apartments. Our staff will be here to help things run as smoothly as possible, however there will be no assistance unloading vehicles. Your patience and cooperation are important and appreciated.

MOVE-IN DAY SCHEDULE

STUDENT MOVE-IN

- Friday, January 19, 2024 from 12:00 PM (noon) to 8:00 PM
- Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
 - › Wing meetings will be held at 7:00 PM

WHERE AM I?

On Move-in Day, you will find the residence halls and apartments by following directional signs. Parking close to the halls for unloading is very limited, so it is important that you unload quickly, then move your vehicle to a parking area so others may unload. After parking you can arrange your room and get to know the campus.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Upon arrival you should have your supporters begin to unload the vehicle while you go to the desk of your assigned hall. There you will complete the check-in process, and receive your ID card and mailbox key (apartments only). Students assigned to JKA, MOA and MPA apartments will check-in at the JKA Community Building before moving into their apartment.

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS & MEAL PLANS

Be sure to check *MyHousing* often for any changes to your housing and roommate assignment. Also check *MyHusky* for room change rate adjustments prior to and throughout the semester.

Residence hall rates could vary between rooms and room types. Campus apartment rates and associated utility fees also differ from one complex to another.

Moves between residence halls and apartment complexes will result in rate changes and will show on your *MyHusky* account shortly after the move occurs. Check *MyHousing* to see which/ if any meal plan you have chosen.

Student meal plans begin on Friday, January 19 at 11:00 AM.

Please refer to the *Guide to Campus Living* for all policies, procedures, and information related to living on campus. The guide is available to be viewed and/or downloaded from our website.



HALL & APARTMENT AMENITIES

The amenities vary from hall to hall and apartment complex, but each hall or apartment generally has:

RESIDENCE HALLS

- WiFi
- Air conditioning
- Study lounges
- Laundry facilities
- Custodial services

APARTMENTS

- WiFi
- Air conditioning
- Carpeted bedrooms
- Kitchens
- Laundry facilities

For additional information on the specific room, building and/or apartment you will be living in, visit our website and select the residence hall or apartment you have been assigned.

HALL & APARTMENT INFORMATION

- **Housing:** For questions regarding your housing assignment, email us at buhouse@commonwealthu.edu
- **Beds:** Two bunkable beds are provided in each residence hall room. Soltz Hall, JKA, MOA and MPA are single-occupancy bedrooms. Beds at MOA and JKA are captains beds.
- **Room Furnishings:** Standard furnishings for all bedrooms includes beds, mattresses, desks, desk chairs and closets.
 - › Residence hall rooms are provided with two of each of the standard furnishings. Also included is cable TV service and a MicroFridge.
 - › Apartment and suite bedrooms (single occupancy) are provided with one of each of the standard furnishings.
 - › Apartments also include living room furniture, a kitchen table and chairs (excluding MOA), refrigerator, oven, stove, and cable TV service in living room.
 - › Soltz Hall suites also include a small table and chairs, refrigerator, microwave, and cable TV service.
- **Personal Furniture:** You may bring additional furniture; just keep in mind, you must take it with you when you move out. For safety purposes, you cannot obstruct egress within the room. Please note that standard room furniture cannot be removed from the rooms. For example, if you decide to bring your own desk chair we cannot store the room provided desk chair; it must remain in the room. Please note, you may not bring your own mattress.
- **Window Treatments:** Windows have roller shades. All University window treatments are fire-resistant and therefore, additional window treatments are not necessary.
- **Lighting:** Each room/apartment has overhead lighting. However, it is a good idea to bring your own lighting also. Desk lights and floor lamps are great additions.

- **Carpets/Rugs:** Residence hall room floors are tile and rugs are permitted; each room is approximately 12'x16'. It is best to bring a smaller carpet or rug because some of the furniture may not be movable. Soltz Hall, JKA, MOA and MPA have carpeted bedrooms. JKA and MPA also have carpeted living rooms.

ROOMMATE RELATIONS

Resident Assistants will assist you with getting to know one another when you arrive on campus. However, before you come to campus it is important to find out:

- What items will you bring?
 - › i.e. TV, carpets, personal furniture
- What time do you typically go to bed?
- What are your study habits?
- How do you rate your room cleanliness?
 - › i.e. neat & tidy, a little messy, really messy

Think about and discuss how you would like to share things like TVs, gaming systems, computers and other items. It is important that you inform your roommate(s) about how you would like your personal items used.

Get to know your roommate(s) and give them a chance to get to know you. Discuss the topics mentioned above as this can help relieve possible future issues.

If you decide to check your roommate's social media, please speak with them prior to making judgments. Room changes cannot be made based on your perception of their social media.

If you are the first to arrive to the room, remember to be considerate of your roommate(s) and shared space.

It is imperative you get to know your roommate(s) and start with open and honest lines of communication. Space is limited and room changes are very difficult.

If you ever have any problems, questions, or concerns see your Resident Assistant, they are there to help you. Please be aware that all roommate/housing issues must be first addressed with your Resident Assistant before moving forward.



MAXIMUM CARPET/RUG SIZES

Columbia Hall	12' x 9'
Elwell Hall	12' x 9'
Luzerne Hall	12' x 9'
Lycoming Hall	12' x 9'
Montour Hall	10' x 8'
Northumberland Hall	12' x 9'
Schuylkill Hall	10' x 8'

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

- Masks
- Thermometer
- 3M Command hooks [not permitted in Soltz Hall or apartments]
- Bath mat [Soltz Hall and apartments only]
- Bedding
- Blankets (not electric)
- Cleaning supplies
- Dinnerware (i.e. plates, bowls, cups)
- Dishwasher detergent [Kozloff Apartments only]
- Fan
- Hair dryer
- Hangers
- Lamp (not halogen)
- Laundry bag
- Laundry detergent
- Mattress pad
- Medical supplies (i.e. band-aids, medicine)
- Painters tape (so not to damage walls)
- Paper towels
- Personal care items (i.e. soap, toothbrush)
- Pillows
- Rainwear/umbrella
- Robe to walk to/from the shower
- School supplies
- Sewing kit
- Shower caddy
- Shower curtain [Soltz Hall and apartments only]
- Shower shoes
- Single-serve coffee maker (i.e. Keurig)
- Small appliances (i.e. microwave, toaster) [apartments only]
- Snow shovel & ice scraper [residents with vehicles only]
- Stapler
- Stationery
- Storage bins
- Surge protectors
- Toilet paper [Soltz Hall and apartments only]
- Towels
- Utensils/glasses/can opener
- Vacuum cleaner

WHAT NOT TO BRING

For the safety of yourself, fellow residents, and our residential facilities, the following items are prohibited in our on-campus residential facilities:

- 3-D printers
- Alcohol and drugs
- Appliances with exposed heating elements (i.e. hot plates, traditional coffee makers, toasters, deep fryers) [permitted in apartments]
- Bed risers
- Candles and incense
- Cooking appliances that use high pressure steam (i.e. pressure cookers, Instant Pot)
- Halogen lamps
- Extension cords and multi-plug power strips without an internal circuit or surge protector
- Electric blankets
- Dartboards
- Decorative alcohol containers
- Outdoor grills [permitted at apartments - see note below]
- Natural cut trees (i.e. Christmas trees)
- Non-university owned mattresses
- Non-university owned microwaves
 - › A MicroFridge is provided in each residence hall room and a microwave is provided in each Soltz Hall suite.
 - › Students living in apartment complexes may have a microwave for use in the kitchen
- Non-university owned personal space heaters
- Non-university owned refrigerators
 - › A MicroFridge is provided in each residence hall room and a refrigerator is provided in each Soltz Hall suite
 - › Students living in apartment complexes may have a personal refrigerator or MicroFridge if they so choose
- Pets (other than fish in a tank 15-gallons or less)
- Self-balancing scooters
- Weightlifting equipment (i.e. barbells, free weights, pull-up bars, large equipment)
- Weapons
- Window air conditioners
 - › Floor model AC units 10,000 BTUs or less may be used
- Any item that could damage property/facilities, cause personal injury, or prohibit safety equipment from properly functioning

NOTES

- Charcoal grills may be used in all apartment complexes as long as they are not within 50 feet of any building. After using, douse coals with water and allow them to cool completely before placing coals in a dumpster.
- Clothing irons are prohibited from in-room use but may be used in laundry rooms and bathrooms.
- Cooking appliances may only be used in the kitchen.



Smoking or vaping is not allowed within the residence halls and apartments or within 25 feet of any doors, windows or ventilation units.



COMPUTING ON CAMPUS

All students residing in our on-campus residence halls and apartments are provided with access to the University's high speed wireless network.

For information on how to register your devices with our campus network refer to the Residential Computing website at rescomp.bloomu.edu.



PERSONAL PROPERTY

The University assumes no legal responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal property due to insufficient or excessive heat, fire, smoke, water, the elements, or actions of third persons.

We recommend that you check to see if your possessions are covered under your parents' or legal guardians' home owners insurance. If not, residential students are encouraged to carry personal property liability insurance, such as that provided by nssi.com, for their personal belongings.

MAIL & PACKAGES

Family and friends sending you mail? Ordering textbooks? Make sure they have your correct address.

LOWER CAMPUS

John Doe
Room 123 Elwell Hall
525 East Second Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

UPPER CAMPUS

John Doe
1234 JKA
525 East Second Street
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Lower campus residents can pick up their mail and packages (USPS/UPS/FedEx) at University Mail Services in Soltz Hall.

Upper campus residents can pick up their mail and USPS packages at their assigned mailbox location. UPS and FedEx packages can be picked up at the University Mail Services in Soltz Hall. **Note:** do not use the word "Box" in your address.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What sheet size should I purchase?
 - › A regular twin sheet set will fit over all of the mattresses on campus. Some halls do have long mattresses, but normal twin sheets will work. If you would like to add a thicker mattress pad or egg crate pad you might want to consider purchasing an extra-long sheet set.
- How do I get a MicroFridge?
 - › All lower campus residence hall rooms include a University provided MicroFridge. Students are not permitted to bring their own personal refrigerator when living in a residence hall.
 - › Students living in apartment complexes may still have a personal refrigerator or MicroFridge if they so choose.
- May I move in early?
 - › Students are not permitted to move in before Friday, January 19.
- Can I get a parking permit?
 - › Parking permit information can be found on the University Police website at bloomu.edu/about/maps-transportation-parking

TIPS FOR CHECKING IN

- If you have a dolly or hand truck/cart it is a good idea to bring it. The University provides carts for residents to use for move in, but they are limited in number.
- Check in during your assigned day/time. Residence Life has created a specific schedule for each hall to minimize the number of residents checking in at one time.
- Vehicles will be directed to an unloading area near your residence. As soon as the vehicle is unloaded, you will be asked to move it to a designated location. It is imperative to move your vehicle so other residents can unpack. Apartment residents may park in the lots by your apartment.
- Jessica Kozloff Apartments residents, [please be aware that the apartment buildings do not have elevators.](#)



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