

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY HOUSING

What's in this Issue

What should my student bring to their Residence Hall room?

First of all, we have a few things that you can't live without. Bedding is essential. You will want a set of twin sheets, a comforter or blanket, pillows and pillow cases, and a mattress pad. Bathroom supplies are also a must have, you will need towels, hand towels, washcloths, and personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc. Some other things we think are essential are hangers, an umbrella, an alarm clock, a trash can, a fan, and school supplies such as a backpack, notebooks, binders, paper, pencils, pens, erasers, a calculator, etc.

There are a few other things that are up to you, but might make your stay with us

more comfortable. Posters, mementos, picture frames, and other keepsakes can help to make your room feel like home. Some other things you might want to consider bringing with you to make living in your new home more convenient are an iron, glasses/mugs, plates and bowls (in case you get hungry for a midnight snack after the cafeteria has closed for the night), a telephone (our halls have telephone jacks with local service and you can also accept long distance calls or place them with a calling card), a stereo, television, a microwave, small refrigerator, a desktop computer or lap top (Each of our halls have computer labs open 24 hours for your conveni-

nce, but you are welcome to bring your own computer. You will have access to wireless internet in your room.) Storage containers, such as a bookshelves, plastic crates, and plastic drawers, add extra storage.

Each room is furnished with two beds, two desks, two chairs, two chest of drawers, and two closets. You may move the furniture around the room to your liking and decorate your room as you see fit.

Please read further for a few "No, Absolutely Not's" and "Decorating Tips" for transforming your new space into a HOME in no time.

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What should my student leave at home?

There are a few things that are out of the question...

- Extra Refrigerators
- Extra Microwaves
- Candles or Incense
- Firearms
- Heaters
- Halogen Lights
- Satellite Dishes
- Toasters, Hotplates, Grills
- Pets (fish are allowed)
- Unapproved Bed Raisers
- Rope Lights & Party Lights hung from the ceiling
- Nails, Screws, & things that could damage the walls

Special Dates of Interest:

- Schedule Your Student's BAM I (Becoming a Mulerider- Part One) Session
- August 22, 2009— Freshmen Move-in Day
- August 23, 2009— Upperclassmen Move-in Day

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5 TIPS FOR DECORATING YOUR ROOM

Settling into a residence hall room is one of the most fun experiences and on the top priority list of new college students. Here are some quick and easy ways to make your room a comfortable space to spend long nights of cramming or fun hang outs with friends. We've put together a list of 5 Tips for making your new room home.

USE THAT COLOR WHEEL

Colors are important to any kind of room because they set different tones or themes. You should choose colors to adorn your residence hall room that reflect you or your style. An easy way to do this is simply picking the right comforter - since the bed is probably the largest piece of furniture in the room, the different colors on the comforter immediately attract attention, whether they are strikingly bold or gentle pastels. Comforters often determine the colors for the rest of the room! Get with your roommate and pick out a color scheme that fits you both.

STORAGE & STOW AWAYS ARE A MUST

One of the biggest challenges to room-decorating for college students is the issue of space. However, if you learn to store efficiently - stacking and

stowing away - then you'll have plenty of room to store your belongings and decorate. Plastic crates and drawer carts are simple ways to keep many items in one place; those who raise their beds can use excess room underneath as storage space. Closet organizers, over-the-door hooks and plastic hooks (for holding laundry and various other items) are also extremely useful for space-saving.

WALL-TO-WALL OVERHAUL

This is the fun part! The walls of your room are the window to your personality: they are the best ways to express yourselves. While posters are the most common way to decorate, why stop with enlarged pictures of your favorite band, actor or sports team? Personalized frames, photos and calendars are other ways to further express your interests, personality and background.

JAZZ IT UP WITH THE "SMALL STUFF"

Sometimes it's the "small stuff" that makes a room unique or gives it that additional "homey" touch. Stickers and magnets on small fridges add color, wallflowers and pot-pourri provide sweet-smelling scents and dry-erase boards are fun communication devices. Also, using a scrapbook

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"themed" paper for notes or a picture border can give you an extra pop of color to fit your color scheme...be creative, it's your home!

CHANGE WITH THE SEASONS

Changing the mood and theme with decorations for the season can add a touch of home to any room. Decorations for Valentines, Christmas and other holidays definitely enhance the feeling of home around the holiday season. Some halls even have door decorating contests to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

REMEMBER THE RULES

While it can be tons of fun customizing your room, the sky is not exactly the limit - it's important to remember decorating guidelines. If you have questions about those, refer to the Residence Hall Handbook or ask your Resident Assistant.