How can you prepare to pack successfully. Here are some tips that will help:

**Tip 1:** Make sure to organize your boxes, so it will be easy to find items. For example, dishes, bathroom supplies, clothes, and etc.

**Tip 2:** Label, label, label. This really helps you to remember what you put in your boxes and will help you feel less overwhelmed.

**Tip 3:** Think about some of the essentials you need if you do not have a vehicle, so that it will prevent you having to shop for a lot of new items when you get to campus. Some items include an iron, an iron board, sheets, shower curtain, detergent, cleaning supplies, and etc.

**Tip 4:** Space is limited, so make sure to pack strategically to eliminate a lot of extra waste.

**Tip 5:** Storage is not available on campus, make sure to use reusable crates or bags since you will be moving at the end of the school year.

### What to bring and what not to bring to the Residence Hall?

#### What to Bring?
- Clothes/Hangers
- Clock
- Shower curtain (other than Osprey Hall)
- Dishes/Cups
- Iron and Iron Board
- Cleaning Supplies
- Microwave (max 1200 watts)
- Metal Lamp
- Shower Supplies
- TV (satellite capability)
- Mini Fridge (max 4.5 cu/ft.)
- Extra long sheets

#### What not to Bring?
- Candles
- Incense
- Pets (except for non-aggressive fish in a 10 gal tank)
- Medusa lamps, Lava lamps, Halogen lamps and lamps with plastic shades (Fire hazards)
- Curtains that are longer than the window
- Hookah, drugs, and alcohol (One way ticket home)
- Shot glasses
- Alcohol (Dry Campus except 21 years old in Village Apts.) Drugs paraphernalia
- Routers

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**Important Information:**
- **Summer B Check In:**
  - June 24, 2012
- **Summer Classes Begin:**
  - June 25, 2012
- **Summer Classes End:**
  - August 3, 2012
- **Fall 2012 Check In:**
  - August 17, 2012 (1st Year students)
  - August 18, 2012 (Upper Class Students)
- **Fall Classes Begin:**
  - August 20, 2012

**Alternative Smell Good Items:**
- Reed Diffusers
- Battery operated candles
- Glade/Air wick Plug-Ins
- Scent portables (Bath and Body Works)
What is the difference between a Dorm and a Residence Hall?

You have probably heard the term “dorm” used a lot for having a room on campus. At UNF, we want to encourage you to use the term Residence Halls. The term “dorm” means you are only sleeping in your room. In the Residence Halls or Halls for short, you will be able to get involved, lead, and be an active community member while living on campus through programs, study groups, and other events that are put on by the Housing and Residence Life Staff.

There are Resident Assistants available to provide you with resources that will help you to become a successful student. Living on campus should become a place where you will continue to learn and build long lasting relationships with your community outside of the classroom.

What do I do if my roommate(s) and I do not get along?

It can be a very exciting experience to live on campus and have a roommate, but what happens if you and your roommate do not get along. Here are some tips that can help you to resolve conflict:

Tip 1: Within the 1st week of moving in, make sure to complete the Roommate Agreement Form with your roommate(s). Be honest while filling this out and when completed give a copy to your Resident Assistant (RA). A sample question includes: “Necessities such as toilet paper, dish detergent, etc. will be purchased how?”

Tip 2: If you have a problem, make sure to talk to the person(s) about the problem in a calm voice.

Tip 3: Use “I” statements when you are expressing your feelings. Do not attack the person(s), but address the problem. An example is: “I feel angry when you turn your music up when I am sleeping.”

Tip 4: Do not get other parties involved when you are addressing the problem with the person(s). (That includes mom, dad, significant others, and etc.)

Tip 5: Talk to your Resident Assistant if you need help. They can offer advice, provide resources, and set up a mediation if needed.

Who does my laundry while I’m living on campus?

Now, that you are in college, you will have to do your own laundry. We have a laundry room in each of the buildings. So, what are 5 easy steps that are essential in doing laundry?

Step 1– Make sure to have a hamper to put your dirty clothes in. It will help with the organization of your space.

Step 2– Make sure to buy laundry detergent and fabric softener in order to have fresh, clean clothes.

Step 3– When you are getting ready to do your laundry, make sure to separate your lights from your darks. It is important because you will need to choose the appropriate wash cycle.

Step 4– Make sure to read the direction on the laundry detergent and do not overload the machine. Too many clothes will cause the machine to break down.

Step 5– To avoid things going missing, make sure that you stay with your clothes while they are washing and drying, since the laundry room is for all residents who live in that Hall.

*Remember, if you have any questions, you can ask your Resident Assistant (RA). They are here to help you.

“What cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved through understanding.”

-- Albert Einstein
Transition Tips for students and families

**Tip 1:** Make sure to keep in contact with friends and family.

**Tip 2:** Make sure to attend any events or encourage your student to get involved on campus.

**Tip 3:** Don’t be afraid to ask questions.

**Tip 4:** It is okay if you do not go home every weekend, make sure to communicate with your loved ones.

**Tip 5:** Make sure to ask your student about how they are doing in classes.

**Tip 6:** Make sure to stay healthy and eat right.

**Tip 7:** Keep track of your money, it’s really easy to spend when you meet new people.

**Tip 8:** If you are homesick, then make sure you learn skills to cope with it. It’s a difficult time.

**Tip 9:** Families make sure you have a healthy balance with your student. Encourage them to take responsibility for themselves.

**Tip 10:** Remind your student that help is available.

What is Residence Hall Association (RHA)?

Residence Hall Association or RHA is the governing voice for the residential students on campus. They are a group of volunteer students that live in the Residence Halls, hold meetings, plan programs and listen to students’ concerns about anything related to the Residence Halls.

Each specific residence hall has an Area Council in which they represent their specific hall at the RHA Meetings. The Area Councils have meetings weekly and plan social programs for their specific Residence Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and to become a leader on campus.

What are Resident Assistants (RAs)?

Resident Assistants are full-time undergraduate students who are responsible for the development of a specific floor or building. They plan programs, provide resources, complete Health Inspections, and policy enforcement in order to help create a positive learning environment. They are student leaders who want to help other students to succeed academically and personally.

They are role models who understand what it is like to live on campus and the importance of gaining the best experience while going to college. Resident Assistants also provide support for individuals in time of crisis.

“Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind.”

Thomas Jefferson
The Department of Housing and Residence Life at the University of North Florida supports the educational mission of the University through the creation of a positive living and learning community with the best facilities, services, programs and customer service for our students. Our responsive staff strive daily to enhance student academic and personal development by fostering a sense of respect for self, others, and the community, placing an emphasis on diversity, encouraging personal and civic responsibility, while providing opportunities for leadership development.

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I am wearing them on my chest and in my heart, on and off the playing field with confidence and vigor.
I am filled with courage and dare to soar.
I am an Osprey flying far, fast, and hard.

Christopher L. Warren