

What Should You Bring?

Some tips from your Frosh-O staff to avoid those “will you send me _____?” phone calls to Mom and Dad

You might feel overwhelmed as to where to begin packing for your life at Notre Dame and PW. Here’s a little (okay, long) list of items that girls in PW suggested to help you out. We’ve included several items that you might have forgotten. If you find that, after packing, the trunk of your car won’t close or that the plane is too heavy to take off, remember that there are several stores nearby (Meijer, Bed Bath and Beyond, Target, Walmart) where you can buy additional items. You can also buy anything you might have forgotten or need during the year at the bookstore (although that can get expensive!). Also, you should look for extra-long sheets to fit your bed when shopping for bedding. Happy packing!

Clothing:

- dress shoes
- shower shoes
- athletic shoes
- boots (rain and snow)
- slippers
- belts/accessories
- jewelry
- raincoat
- light jacket(s)
- heavy winter coat
- hat/mittens/scarves
- sweatpants and sweatshirts
- sweaters
- underarmor (nice for late season football games!)
- warm socks
- bathrobe and towels
- summer clothes
- athletic clothes
- nice dresses (PW has a few formals each year)
- swimsuit (there’s a swim test for all freshmen)
- pajamas
- purple spirit gear
- *no worries if you don’t own any, we’ll give you a purple shirt, but we usually wear purple to pep rallies

School Supplies:

- computer
- paper (lined/regular)
- glue
- stamps and envelopes
- stationary
- tape (duct, masking, scotch)
- calendar
- pens/pencils
- markers
- highlighters
- scissors
- paperclips/stapler/staples
- notebooks/binders
- folders
- flash drive(s)
- thumb tacks
- 3-hole punch
- Post-it notes
- backpack
- calculator
- bookends
- note cards
- White-out
- sticky tack

Room Furnishings:

- carpet/rug (unless you live in one of the “super quads – they have carpet!)
- posters/decorations
- 3M products (these hooks, sticky squares etc. are a great way to hang your stuff without having to put holes in walls! Also, they are the only permissible way to hang things up in your room)
- lap desk
- mini dry-erase board/markers for the door
- refrigerator
- reading/bedside lamp
- photos/picture frames
- bedding (mattress pads/pillow toppers make that dorm bed a lot more comfortable!)
- pillows
- hot pot
- alarm clock
- plastic crates/shelving units
- under bed boxes-CDs/iPod
- TV (every room now has cable)
- videos/DVDs

Personal Care:

- Tylenol/Advil
- cold/cough medicine
- vitamins
- antibiotic ointment
- cosmetics/perfume
- shower caddy
- shampoo/conditioner
- towels/wash cloths
- nail file/clippers
- nail polish/remover
- hair dryer
- curling iron/straightener
- cotton balls/swabs
- band-aids
- feminine products
- hair brush/comb
- hair accessories
- toothpaste/toothbrush
- mouthwash/floss

Miscellaneous:

- small tool kit
- detergent
- drying rack
- laundry basket/bag
- fabric softener/dryer sheets
- bleach
- stain remover (Tide-to-go sticks are great!)
- lint brush
- hangers
- cleaning supplies (a Swiffer is useful)
- dish soap
- utensils/plates/bowls
- mugs/glasses
- social security card
- proof of health insurance
- chip clips
- 3-way plugs
- extension cords
- cable cord
- power strips
- small sewing kit
- sunglasses
- camera
- bike/lock (a good, sturdy lock is important)
- sports equipment (any favorite bats, gloves, lacrosse sticks, cleats, etc will be useful for PW sports if you want to play)
- playing cards
- coffee/tea/cocoa
- popcorn/soup
- snacks
- key chain/lanyard
- quarters (for laundry and vending machines)

