

Welcome to Bowling Green State University

What To Bring To BGSU Residence Housing

This leaflet will help you to decide what to pack. Keep in mind that several students share the same electrical supply. Be selective in the types of appliances and electronic equipment that you bring.

The University Fire Safety Policy **permits** these appliances and electronic equipment in residence housing:

- Surge protectors that have circuit breakers which carry a UL label.
- Desk lights or floor lamps with a UL label and which use a fluorescent or ordinary incandescent bulb. Student rooms have overhead lights. Make sure to use the bulb wattage called for on the lights and lamps.
- Electrical appliances that show a UL label (unless the appliance is prohibited below).
- Electric fans with a UL label, provided that they are kept away from bedding, towels and other objects that will catch the fan blade or block air flow.
- Combination microwave/refrigerator units.
- Compact portable refrigerators (less than 5.0 cubic feet, 36 inches high, and 1.5 amps).
- Microwave ovens that do not exceed 900 watts.
- Computers, televisions, stereos, and CD players. Use a surge protector with these and other types of sensitive electronic equipment.
- Look for UL-listed appliances with automatic shut-off buttons.



Student Insurance

Neither the Office of Residence Life nor Bowling Green State University is responsible for stolen, lost or damaged personal property. All residents are encouraged to properly insure such items of value via home owner's or renter's insurance policies. The University **does not** provide coverage for the loss of the personal property of students or staff in any University housing. You should consult your insurance agent for information on available services.

Due to potential fire hazards, the University Fire Safety Policy **prohibits** the following items in BGSU residence housing:

Appliances

- ⊗ Candles, candle warmers, incense and oil lamps, even if they are being used as a decoration or gift.
- ⊗ Lights or lamps with halogen bulbs.
- ⊗ Extension cords. We require surge protectors with circuit breakers, as mentioned above.
- ⊗ Appliances with exposed heating elements including microwave/convection oven combination units.
- ⊗ Hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens, hot pots, outdoor and indoor grills (e.g., George Foreman Grills™), waffle irons, and similar cooking items.
- ⊗ Air conditioners.
- ⊗ Portable heating devices, including portable heaters and electric blankets.
- ⊗ Floor lamps that have five flexible arms, sometimes with lamp shades of different colors. Floor lamps of this style have melted their plastic shades and started fires.



Furniture

- ⊗ Inflatable furniture and bean bag type chairs are not permitted in student rooms due to the toxic, dense smoke that they release in a fire.
- ⊗ Upholstered furniture must be fire retardant. Look for one or more of these fire retardant standards on identification tags:
 - NFPA 701
 - Class 1 of the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Standard 191-53
 - California Flammability Bulletin 117
 - ASTM-E 84
 - Upholstered Furniture Action Council (UFAC) (Gold Tag)

If you cannot find any of these fire retardant identifications, treat the furniture with a fire retardant coating that lists one or more of the following standards: ASTM-E 84, NFPA 701, or UL 723. Fire retardant coatings can be found in some paint stores, hardware stores, and department stores.

- ⊗ All University-supplied furniture is "loftable," so lofts cannot be brought in. Bookshelves, tables, futons, and similar furniture made from wood must either be constructed with pretreated lumber or must be coated with a fire retardant. Pre-treated lumber will be stamped with wording such as "Class A ASTM" or "Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., 17PO." Fire retardant paints and varnishes will list one or more of these standards: ASTM-E 84, NFPA 701, or UL 723. Be sure to get a paint or varnish that is fire retardant, not 'heat resistant.'

Thermometers

Mercury thermometers are prohibited in all residential buildings as they pose a serious health and safety hazard if broken. Only digital or alcohol type thermometers are permitted.

For a complete list of the University's Fire Safety Policies, please refer to the Community Living Standards in the Bowling Green State University Student Handbook at <http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/sa/file15768.pdf>



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