Packing Suggestions

Essential Items:
- Key ring/ID wallet
- Linens for an extra-long twin mattress
- Pillow(s)
- Mattress cover
- Blanket(s)/bedspread
- Towels
- Personal hygiene products
- Shower sandals
- Shower supplies including caddy
- Seasonal clothing + a few things to get you through unexpected weather changes
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry basket or heavy duty bag
- Laundry detergent & supplies (high-efficiency)
- School supplies (paperclips, scissors, paper, highlighters, pens, stapler, etc.)
- Backpack
- Wastebasket
- Umbrella
- Desk lamp
- UL-approved surge protector
- Fan
- Material to hang decor on the walls:
  - For Concrete/Cinder Block walls, we recommend poster putty or 3M adhesives.
  - For drywall, we recommend small tacks.
  - When using tape, please only use painter’s tape—do not use electrical/duct tape.

Non-Essential Items to Consider:
- Computer
- Bathrobe
- Athletic clothes, shoes or equipment
- Ironing board/iron
- Sewing kit
- Small Energy Star microwave
- Small Energy Star refrigerator (<6 cubic feet)
- Eating utensils and microwave-safe dishes
- Crates for storing books and clothes
- Snack food
- Bike lock if you bring a bike
- Posters, pictures and other special personal items that make you feel at home

Items Not Permitted in the Residence Halls:
- Halogen lamps
- Laser pointers
- Pets (except fish in a 5-gallon tank or smaller)
- Candles and/or incense
- Extension cords
- Road/traffic signs
- Weapons and firearms*
- Open coil appliances such as toasters
- Ovens and hot plates
- Drinking games/drinking game paraphernalia
- Lofts (except for those from Bedloft.com)

Special Note Regarding Your Insurance

North Central College is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of personal belongings. We encourage you to check your family’s homeowner’s insurance policy to see if your belongings will be covered while you are in the residence halls. If you are not currently covered, you may consider purchasing a renter’s insurance policy.

*As stated in the Student Handbook, weapons are defined as: any device or object designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage including but not limited to explosives, slingshots, bows and arrows, swords, spears, and brass knuckles. Knives or other bladed instruments with blades three inches or longer (with the exception of knives intended for kitchen use) are considered weapons and are prohibited. The possession and/or use of disabling chemical sprays are allowed, when intended and used for self-defense. Firearms are defined as: any device which is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion, expansion of gas, or escape of gas including but not limited to machine guns, rifles, shotguns, handguns or other firearms, BB/pellet guns, spring guns, paint ball guns, airsoft guns, flare guns, stun guns, tasers, dart guns, or ammunition for any such device. Any replica of the foregoing is also prohibited, except for College-sanctioned theatrical productions.