

SUSTAINABLE MOVE IN

Tips for moving into your new room that will help you save the environment and your pocketbook



ONLY BRING WHAT YOU NEED

What you bring must be taken out of your room at the beginning of May, and you'll likely be accruing more things throughout the year. Shipping things home or purchasing storage for the summer can get pricey, so bring as little as possible!



WAIT ON BIG PURCHASES

Don't buy new appliances for your room without seeing it first. You may find that there is not enough space to fit everything, or that you and your roommate can share items like a mini-fridge or rug.



BUY USED

Don't waste money on new furniture, home goods, and school supplies that you may only use during your years at college. Join [Tufts Buy/Sell/Trade](#) on Facebook, check out [Everything is Free Somerville](#) and [Everything is Free Medford](#) on Facebook, buy from thrift stores, or check out the Office of Sustainability's Back-to-School Sale for great deals on all sorts of used items!



DITCH CARDBOARD BOXES

Instead of packing all your items in cardboard boxes, consider packing in containers such as laundry bins, backpacks, suitcases, and duffel bags. You can also consider purchasing reusable bins to be used for subsequent Move-Ins/Outs. If you do need to use cardboard boxes, reuse them for Move-Out or recycle them.



REPLACE YOUR LIGHT BULBS

If you have Compact Fluorescent (CFL) or incandescent light bulbs (new or used), email recycle@tufts.edu to replace them with free LED bulbs instead!

Check out the [Tufts Eco-Map](https://go.tufts.edu/ecomap) at go.tufts.edu/ecomap for locations of specialty recycling bins, compost toters, proximity to public transit, and more!