

Class of 2024 Newsletter #6: Move-in Tips & Advice

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Hello rising sophomores!

The following newsletter features information to help you prepare for move-in, which is now less than a month away! Even if you are on campus now or have been for a while, you may still learn something new, including advice on getting to campus, shopping resources, housing logistics, and more.

Getting to Campus

From Airports

Students generally fly into San Francisco International Airport (SFO) or San Jose Mineta International Airport (SJC). Both are about 20 miles (30 minutes by car) from campus.

The San Jose airport is smaller, easier to navigate, and more accessible by public transportation. SFO, however, has all the advantages of a major international airport. While you may have longer waits at SFO, you'll also have more flight options.

Oakland International Airport (OAK) is another alternative. The drive can take over an hour by car, but the airport does offer service from several low-cost carriers such as SkyBus and JetBlue.

Transportation from the Airport

Several private ride-apps, taxi services, airport shuttles, and shared ride vans operate from the local airports.

- For a full list of available services at each airport, please visit the following links:
 - [SFO Ground Transportation](#)
 - [SJC Ground Transportation](#)
 - [OAK Ground Transportation](#)

Public Transit

While less expensive, public transportation from the airport to Stanford generally requires several transfers and takes much longer than the private options listed above. However, public transportation is more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

- **From SFO**
 - From your terminal, take the AirTrain shuttle to the SFO Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station, located on the Departures/Ticketing Level of the International Terminal.
 - Take BART to the Millbrae Intermodal Transit Center.
 - Take Caltrain south to the Palo Alto Transit Center. For schedules and fares, check <https://www.caltrain.com>.
 - Take the Marguerite, Stanford's free public shuttle, to campus. The A and B lines make frequent stops at the Palo Alto Transit Center.
 - You can also use the SamTrans bus system that serves the northern part of the Peninsula. Route KX will take you from SFO to the Stanford Shopping Center on El Camino, where the Marguerite A Line has a stop.

- **From SJC**
 - Take the free VTA line 10 Airport Flyer to the Santa Clara Transit Center. Buses leave every 15 minutes and operate seven days a week from 5:00 a.m. to midnight.
 - Take Caltrain north to the Palo Alto Transit Center. See <https://www.caltrain.com> for schedules.
 - Take Stanford's free shuttle service, the Marguerite, to campus. The A and B lines both make frequent stops at the Palo Alto Station.
- **From Oakland International Airport (OAK)**
 - Take the free AirBART shuttle from your terminal to the Coliseum/Oakland Airport BART station.
 - Take the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) Dublin/Pleasanton - SFO/Millbrae Line to Millbrae Intermodal Transit Center, just south of San Francisco. The fare is \$4.40.
 - Take Caltrain south to the Palo Alto Transit Center. Tickets are \$5.75; for schedules, check <https://www.caltrain.com>.
 - Take the Marguerite, Stanford's free public shuttle, to campus. The A and B lines both make frequent stops at the Palo Alto Transit Center.

What to Bring to Campus

You may find it easier to buy some items after you arrive, rather than having them shipped from home or transporting them to campus. In addition, it's often a good idea to wait to buy certain items until you move in so you can coordinate purchases and rentals with your roommate/s. All rooms and apartments are furnished and there is no room to remove or store furniture.

For ideas of what you will need, check out [this](#) website! You'll need to provide your own bedding, including a pillow and pillow cases, bed pad, sheets, and a blanket or comforter. Mattresses are specially designed with a "plush firm" and "extra firm" sides to accommodate a wider range of sleep preferences. Beds in undergraduate housing are twin extra-long (36" x 80"). Beds in EVGR-A are extra-long twin sized in 2-bedroom premium rooms and studios.

Remember that you'll move at the beginning and end of every school year (and more if you study overseas). While having all of your photo albums, clothes,

sports equipment, etc. may sound like a good idea for now, it will likely be cumbersome to move and store later.

What Not to Bring to Campus

For safety reasons, the following items are prohibited in all student residences:

- Candles, torches, hookahs, incense, and any other open-flame devices
- Halogen lamps
- Non-university lofted beds
- Hazardous materials such as gasoline, chemicals, and charcoal fluid
- Dangerous weapons, including but not limited to firearms and knives
- Hot plates, toasters, electric heaters, and other appliances with heating elements
- Pets of any kind, including fish and caged animals, unless they are service or support animals [approved with the Office of Accessible Education](#)
- Mercury Thermometers

Housing Tips

- Complete a room condition form within 5 days of checking in. This form reports the condition of your room and its contents and ensures you won't be charged for a pre-existing problem when you move out. If you don't complete and submit this form, it will be assumed that you found no damage or missing furniture in your room. Find the form [here](#).
- Report any problems for maintenance. Should you find any items that require repair or attention, please submit an online "Fix-It" request form available [here](#). Maintenance staff will address the issue promptly. For serious problems, such as a door that cannot be locked, a flood, or a backed-up sewer line, please call 650-725-1602.
- Consider renter's insurance. Stanford University does not carry insurance covering personal property. The University is not liable for, nor does it assume, any responsibility for theft, destruction, malfunction, failure, or loss of money, valuables, or other personal property.

Bed Lofting/Bunking

Most beds in undergraduate residences are set at the highest level of the headboard to provide maximum flexibility and storage space. In some places it is also possible to bunk or loft beds. For instructions, visit [here](#). Contact your housing front desk for information on checking out lofting materials (headboards, rails, bolts, pins) and tools. Supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Laundry

Stanford's laundry program gives students unlimited use of environmentally-friendly washers and dryers. No coins or cards are required, as the cost is included in your housing fees.

Housing Reassignment

Students who are assigned to a particular residence can apply for reassignment to a more preferred residence if space is available. For details, please visit [here](#).

Move-out for Students Currently on Campus

The move-out deadline for students currently on campus who do not have interim housing is Saturday, August 28th at 8:00am. For advice on storage options if you need to store your belongings, please visit [here](#).

If you have to move out early, you must first terminate your housing contract in Axess. If you need to move out later than your contract deadline, please contact your housing front desk to discuss the possibility of a delayed departure. For details, please visit [here](#).

Students currently on campus with interim housing will move out between August 30th and September 6th. Please monitor your emails in the coming days for your specific move-out time.
