

HOW TO MOVE IN



BEFORE YOU MOVE IN

- ✓ Memorize your lease's move-in date and times.
- ✓ Verify with your landlord that your unit will be ready by your move-in date and arrange picking up apartment keys.
- ✓ Take photos of the apartment BEFORE moving in, looking for scratches, cracks, paint chips, broken furniture and windows/doors.
- ✓ Email these photos to yourself and your landlord with timestamp.



MOVING IN

- ✓ Borrow a friend's car (offer to help with gas money or thank them another way!)
- ✓ Grab a friend (or two, or three, as many as possible!) to help or hire professionals.
- ✓ Rent a moving van or a car, and see which services offer student discounts on the [WildCARD website](#)



GETTING SET UP

Decide with your roommates on where things should go and consider:

- ✓ Is it more important to have a dining room table, or should that be a homework zone?
- ✓ Do you all want the couches up against a wall or in the center of the space?



ASK YOURSELF

- ✓ How will you and your roommates divide up furnishing costs? Think cookware, furniture, decorations.
- ✓ Where will you store the things you purchase before your move-in date? A storage unit? With parents? With friends? Is your apartment an option?
- ✓ Got pets? Be sure to check with your landlord that pets are allowed and consider who will be responsible for feeding and exercising them.



NO FURNITURE? NO PROBLEM!

- ✓ Check the "Free and For Sale" NU Facebook group.
- ✓ Check [SustainNU](#), Brown Elephant, Salvation Army, and other second-hand stores in Chicago and Evanston.
- ✓ Check online retailers for discounted furniture or buy new and have it shipped.

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