

HOW TO MOVE IN

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN

- Memorize your lease's move-in dates and times
- Verify with your housing provider that your unit will be ready by your move-in date and arrange picking up apartment keys
- Use the resources provided by [Evanston](#) to set up your utilities. If you are moving to Chicago, a [web search](#) will help you determine the right utility setups.
- 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 timestamps
- Visit the [Property Checklist](#)

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](#)
- Moving in can generate a lot of trash, so use [Evanston 311](#) to arrange a special pick-up of any bulky items, or anything that won't fit into your designated bin.

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 housing provider 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, Salvation Army, and other second-hand stores in Chicago and Evanston
- Check online retailers for discounted furniture or buy new and have it shipped
- Look for companies that will rent furniture packages for the academic year

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