Welcome to residence

2018 move-in guide

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move-in day for new students is **saturday, sept 1**

Moving into residence is an exciting and important day for new students.

You will be assigned a specific timeslot for your move-in. Check your MyHousing account for your assigned move-in time.

We want you to be prepared so that you can have a great experience coming to the University of Guelph. This booklet is intended to guide you through the process!
Welcome to our residence community!

You have made a wonderful choice to live on campus. The first year experience can be a challenging one as you move from the familiar setting of home and the support of family and friends, to the “uncharted” territory of university living and studies. Our Student Housing Services staff is excited to meet you and to help you get comfortable both socially and academically!

Living in residence means that you will have plenty of opportunities to get involved in residence and campus activities. You will be among the 4,000 other first year students living and learning with us. With so many people expecting to have the time of their lives it is important that Student Housing Services provides some structure to the experience in the form of our Residence Community Living Standards, an addendum to the Residence Contract you signed upon applying to residence. Each resident student is expected to read and become familiar with these expectations as they become the framework of living together successfully.

Living in residence and the first year experience is all about new experiences. I hope that you take the opportunity to challenge yourself. Student Housing Services will be there to ensure a safe, secure and fun environment!
before you arrive

plan ahead for a smoother move-in...

Packing up to move into residence will take some planning. We don’t want you to arrive and discover you have missed something really important. The list provided is meant to be a general guide to the basics you will need. Remember, if you are planning to go home throughout the semester, you can leave your winter jacket and boots for another day. If you are coming from further away, you may need to bring a wider range of items for the whole semester.

**USE CONTAINERS THAT CAN BE CARRIED BY ONE PERSON.**
Our amazing Orientation Volunteers (OVs) will help you as much as they can, but they can’t do heavy lifting.

**ARE YOU INSURED?**
Most homeowner insurance policies cover your belongings while away at university, but it is best to check with your insurance provider. We are responsible for university property, and you are responsible for your personal contents.
when can I move-in?

We encourage you to try your best and arrive during your assigned move-in timeslot. This helps us manage traffic flow throughout the day on Saturday, September 1st, 2018. Your assigned timeslot will be posted to your MyHousing account.

Depending on where you live, you may be assigned a Move-in timeslot on Friday, August 31st. You will receive an email invitation if you are invited to move-in a day early. After September 1st, the move-in time slots do not apply. You can pick up your keys at your Service Desk.

Your move-in time slot can be found on your MyHousing page. It is a two-hour window and you can arrive anytime within that period. If you are not able to arrive during your assigned time, or you are running late, it’s okay; you don’t need to let us know and you won’t be prevented from checking in and getting your keys.

what’s an OV?

An OV (oh-vee) is an ORIENTATION VOLUNTEER! These awesome students are here to help make your orientation experience as smooth and welcoming as possible. You will recognize an OV by their bright and fashionable gold t-shirts.

When you arrive on campus, an OV will help you find your way, unload your belongings and coordinate some fun activities.

Be on the lookout for red vests with “RLS” on the back. These amazing folks are our student RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF. These are upper-year students who will live in residence with you all year and assist you with your transition to university life! They will be around all orientation week to help you with the move-in process.
Of course! Our amazing OV's are here to help! When you arrive, they will greet you at your car and help you to get started. Typically, it goes like this: While you go check-in and retrieve your keys in your building, your family will start emptying the car with help from our OV's.

Please be aware that OV's are here to help, but they are not able to do all the heavy lifting for you. Large and heavy items (such as mini-fridges) are your responsibility. Carts are available, but it is a good idea to bring one of your own if you have one.

Once your car is empty, please move it to a parking lot as quickly as possible so that we can accommodate other cars in queue.
what to bring

- Personal toiletries and hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Bath towel, hand towel and facecloths
- Headphones
- Alarm clock
- Backpack
- Bicycle and bike lock (although you probably won’t need a bike to get around, because you can walk to anywhere you need to go in 15 minutes or less!)
- Blankets, sheets, pillows, etc. (mattress covers are provided). All beds are standard twin size.
- Clothes hangers
- Dishes, cutlery, mugs and glasses
- Reusable beverage container
- A bar-size fridge for your snacks and drinks
- Health card and other forms of personal identification
- Additional lamps and lighting (no halogen lamps)
- Laundry basket and supplies (detergent, etc.)
- A power bar
- Pens, pencils, and other school necessities
- Personal computer
- Pictures, posters, things to personalize your room
- Printer and printing supplies
- Recreation equipment (football, frisbee, baseball glove, etc.)
- Shower shoes (We bet you didn’t think of that one!)
- Snacks
- Toilet paper (it is supplied, but some like their own brand!)
- Umbrella
- University documents (including your room assignment information!)
- A personal fan
- Storage containers
- Clothes for hot and cooler weather

For students living in residences with a fully equipped kitchen (such as East Village and East Residence Suites), you will also want to bring:

- Dishes and cutlery
- Groceries
- Dish soap
- Pots and pans

MOVE-IN TIP
Don’t forget to bring pictures, posters and decorations to make your room YOURS!
what not to bring

Save yourself the hassle. Here are a few things you should leave at home...

- More than one vehicle!
- Alcohol (during Orientation Week)
- Alcohol paraphernalia (like funnels, pipes, bongs, drinking hats, etc.)
- Beer bottles, bubbas, kegs, mini-kegs etc.
- Candles or incense - open flames are not permitted
- Drug paraphernalia (such as pipes, vaporizers, bongs, etc.)
- Drum sets
- Electric/gas heaters or heat lamps
- Explosives (fireworks, etc.)
- Large exercise equipment (including treadmills, stationary bikes, step machines, “Bowflex” etc.)
- Large pieces of furniture (ie. folding tables)
- Halogen lamps - they pose a fire hazard!
- Hot tubs
- Kitchen appliances for use in your bedroom (including toaster, microwave, freezer, laundry machines, hot plate, sandwich maker, indoor grill). East Residence, East Village and South 3-person apartments excepted, because you have a full kitchen. Small appliances can be used in kitchen lounges.
- Landline phones or fax machines (they won’t work)
- Pets (except non-dangerous fish)
- Satellite dishes
- Water coolers
- Water beds

linens

Bedding packages are available for those who are interested. Packages can be ordering in advance from our partner, Residence Linens, and will be delivered to your room before you arrive. They offer a wide selection of patterns at great prices!

www.residencelinens.com

mini-fridges

Yes, you can bring one. The recommended size is 3 cubic feet. You will be responsible for carrying your fridge to your room and removing it at the end of the year.

Don’t want to lug one here and back?
You can also buy or rent a mini-fridge from our preferred vendor COLDEX.

COLDEX WEBSITE
how do I get there?

**HWY 24**
If you are coming from South of Guelph: Follow Highway #24 North (ON-24 N). Merge onto Wellington Road 124 to Highway #6 South (Hanlon Expressway) and continue to the specified exit for your residence area.

**HWY 7**
If you are coming from East of Guelph: Follow the signs for Highway #7 through Guelph (York Road to Wellington, left on Wellington) to Highway #6 South. Continue driving on Highway #6 South to the specified exit for your residence area.

**HWY 6**
If you are coming from West or North of Guelph: Follow the signs for Highway #6 South (Hanlon Expressway) and take this to the specified exit for your residence area.

**HWY 401**
If you are coming from Highway 401: Exit onto Highway #6 North (Hanlon Expressway) and continue to the specified exit for your residence area.

I made it to Guelph, now what?
See next page...
From Highway #6 (Exit # 295, Hanlon Expressway), turn East at College Avenue exit (right turn if you are coming from the 401).

Follow the MOVE-IN MAP and street signage.

From Highway #6 (Exit # 295, Hanlon Expressway), turn East on the College Avenue exit (right if you are coming from the 401).

Follow College Avenue and turn right (south) on Dundas Lane.

Follow the MOVE-IN MAP and street signage.

From Highway #6 (Exit # 295, Hanlon Expressway), turn East onto Kortright Rd. (right turn from the 401).

Turn left at Gordon St. (6th traffic light), and left again at Stone Rd. (2nd traffic light). Turn right onto Chancellors Way (at the fire hall).

Follow the MOVE-IN MAP and street signage.

We suggest you print a copy of this map before you begin your travels.

DOWNLOAD MAP
where do I go now?

WELCOME! When you arrive, you will be greeted by an “OV” parking volunteer. They will advise you which lane to use and when to proceed to your designated UNLOADING ZONE.

RELAX! Now is the time to have a snack, tune into CFRU 93.3 radio, and tell your parents how much you will miss them.

Once you are in the unloading queue, it’s time to relax. It’s kind of like a rollercoaster, just enjoy the click, click, click of moving ever slowly forward...

MOVE-IN TIP
Tune in to campus radio CFRU 93.3 for move-in traffic updates!
After you have unloaded all of your belongings, it is time to make room for the next car. We have allocated specific parking lots for you to use if you will be staying on campus during move-in day. Cars parked in other areas may be towed.

Move-in Day parking is available in the following parking lots:

North Area:  P19, P23, P24, P48 and P49
South Campus:  Lots P10, P12, P13 and P14
East Campus:  P7, P14, P15 and P17

Refer to your MOVE-IN MAP.

MOVE-IN TIP
Bring a refillable water bottle with you. We have refill stations to help you stay hydrated!
what’s next?

YOUR ID CARD

If you didn’t have a chance to pick up your Student ID card during the summer, you need to pick it up as soon as you’ve received your key and dropped off your belongings. Your ID card allows you to use your meal plan, and it gives you access to your residence building and a range of services, including Athletics and the Library. Come by Enrolment Services, University Centre, Level 3 as soon as possible to pick it up!

Summer Hours:
Monday - Wed, Friday, 8:30am - 4:15pm
Thursday - 9:30 am - 4:15 pm

Labour Day Weekend Hours:
Friday, August 31 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 1st 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, September 2nd 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please ensure you bring the necessary ID criteria (ie. government issued ID and proof of citizenship) to obtain your Student ID card (details found here: https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/idcard/receive).
let’s eat!

**BBQ TIME!**  
After picking up your ID card, you are all set! You’re probably very hungry by this time, so head down to one of our yummy barbeques hosted by Interhall Council, otherwise known as IHC!

**WHEN & WHERE**  
Barbeques will be located adjacent to your residence building. Follow the scent of charcoal-perfection!
“O-Week” is a popular nickname we use for Orientation Week; it consists of 5 action-packed days of welcoming you to residence and to the University of Guelph.

The first activity to kick-off your O-Week experience is your community meeting in residence. Your Residence Assistant (RA) will introduce you to your new community. **It is very important that you attend your first floor or tower meeting during O-Week.**

When you wake up Sunday morning, O-Week activities will officially be in full swing!

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORIENTATION WEEK SCHEDULE**

If you are not able to move-in on Saturday, September 1st, then no problem! You can join the fun at anytime during the week.

O-Week activities are planned so that you can pick and choose the activities that interest you. You can explore the campus, check out the library, and shop for books and supplies at your leisure. Join your residence team for fun activities when it fits with your schedule.
Dr. Franco Vaccarino, the President of the University of Guelph!

On Move-in Day, parents and families are invited to the President’s Welcome!

Details:

- Location: Rozanski Hall
- Times: 11:30 am 3:30 pm
SAYING GOOD-BYE
It’s not good-bye, but hello! This new chapter in your life will have some ups and downs, but we are here to help.

It is perfectly normal to experience a range of emotions during O-Week...you might feel energetic, exhausted, homesick, lost, found, confident, depressed, lonely, overwhelmed, ecstatic - all in the span of 5 days!

Have no fear; our Residence Assistants and professional Residence Life Managers are trained and ready to help you with your transition to university life.
Once classes begin, your life in residence will start to settle into a normal routine of classes, meals, recreational activities and social time. By this time, you will have decorated and personalized your room to your tastes and developed new friendships on your floor and within your community.
where can I go for help?

We are here to help you adjust to your new life as a Gryphon. You are never alone -- many students think they are the only ones who feel homesick or anxious. But we have Residence Life Staff who are trained to make your residence experience a positive one!

I’m overwhelmed...
Talk to your RA or your A[RLM] about your feelings, they can direct you to campus resources.

I’m not getting along with my roommate...
Talk to your RA, who can initiate mediation or a roommate agreement, or advise on further steps.

I’m sick...
Visit Student Health Services, located in the the JT Powell Building, adjacent to the Athletic Centre.

I’m bored...
There are many campus activities, clubs, intramurals, and volunteer opportunities. Check your residence bulletin boards.

I can’t sleep...
If noise is the cause, call your Service Desk. If anxiety, stress, or homesickness is the root of the problem, visit Counselling Services, located on the third floor of the University Centre.
what is an RA, RLM, RLS, IHC?

Don’t you love acronyms? All of these are good ones! Here’s a quick glossary:

**RLS = Residence Life Staff**
RLS wear red vests when they are on duty. This is the generic name we give to all members of our student staff team. An RLS team member might be an RA, a CLF, a CL or a PF.

**RLM = Residence Life Manager or ARLM (South Residence)**
Your RLM is a full-time residence life professional responsible for the supervision of the RLS team. They care about your well-being!

**RA = Residence Assistant**
RAs are senior students who live in your community with you. They are trained to help you successfully transition to campus life, mediate conflicts, guide you to campus resources and to help maintain community standards.

**CL = Cluster Leader**
If you live in an academic cluster, you will have a Cluster Leader assigned. They are responsible for hosting activities and study sessions related to your academic program.

**PF = Program Facilitator**
If you live in a Living Learning Centre (LLC), you will have a Program Facilitator who organizes events and enriches your residence experience through targeted programming.

**IHC - Interhall Council**
Interhall representatives are your elected residence student government. They act in an advisory capacity to Student Housing Services and they have a lot of fun planning events and activities to boost community and residence spirit!
roommates & suitemates

Although we do our best to match you with roommates and suitemates that are compatible with you and the personal profile you submitted on your application, we know that sometimes it just doesn’t click.

After moving in, if you want to transfer residence locations, first let’s work together...

• Talk to your RA about your concern
• Try to work towards a win-win solution
• Your RA may refer you to your RLM for additional assistance
• If we cannot resolve your concern, fill out a Room Transfer Form
• Room or building transfers are possible only when a vacancy exists that meets your request
• Transfer requests are prioritized according to highest priority need first [such as accessibility]
community standards

yes, we have rules!

Student Housing’s Residence Living Community Standards were developed with one goal in mind: for all students to enjoy their right to security, personal well-being and the pursuit of academic success while living in residence. Living in residence requires that we all agree and adhere to the Residence Community Living Standards.

Download a copy of the Residence Community Living Standards.

Orientation Week is ALCOHOL FREE. No alcohol is permitted in residence.
your one-stop shop

Student Housing Services operates three service desks, one in each campus community. Hours of operation for each location are as follows:

**North Campus Community**
Desk located in Lennox & Addington Hall.
Open 24 hours, seven days a week.
**Call:** 519-824-4120  Ext 58122
**Email:** northdesk@uoguelph.ca

**South Campus Community**
Desk located in Prairie Hall.
Open 24 hours, seven days a week.
**Call:** 519-824-4120  Ext 58123
**Email:** southdesk@uoguelph.ca

**East Campus Community**
Desk located in Dundas Hall.
Open 8 am to 12 midnight, seven days a week, or until 2 am on most Fridays and Saturdays
**Call:** 519-824-4120  Ext 58124
**Email:** eastdesk@uoguelph.ca

VISIT YOUR SERVICE DESK FOR...

- lock outs
- sign out common room keys
- sign out vacuum
- board games
- general information
- add funds to your laundry card
- noise complaints
- pick up courier packages and other deliveries
work orders

We work diligently to get your room move-in ready for your arrival. However, you might find something that needs further attention. During Orientation Week and during the academic year, if you have a facilities-related request, here is what to do:

**Emergency Situations**
Examples: Water leak, no power, broken window, toilet overflow, etc.
* Call your Residence Service Desk immediately.

**General Repairs**
Examples: Broken light, loose closet door, dripping tap, etc.
* Email or call your residence service desk to request a work order to be submitted. Provide your residence building, room number, repair description & location.
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