

Good Housekeeping

Off to College: What You'll Need

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It's that time of year again! Housewares stores are filled with kids and their parents scouring the aisles, trying to make the best product purchases for college dorm rooms without spending a small fortune beyond the cost of tuition. I asked the experts at the Good Housekeeping Research Institute for some of their top recommendations. Here's the shopping list they prepared:



Fridge/Microwave: MicroFridge These combos have been available for rent or purchase for years. But this new offering is really something special, according to Sharon Franke, director of our Kitchen Appliances & Technology Lab. It has a separate freezer compartment so it can safely store a stash of those all-nighter essentials-frozen pizzas and Rocky Road ice cream. On the bottom of the microwave there are two outlets that can be used to charge low wattage items like cell phones, iPods, or laptops. The unit comes in black, white, and stainless steel (which will look pretty snazzy in a dorm room). If the price will break your budget, you might want to consider asking roommates to chip in for this one. (\$425-\$455 depending on color, [MicroFridge](#))