

College Life 101

Some Elementary Rules To Make Going To College Easier

(NAPSA)—Being on your own for the first time is one of the best parts of college life. Making new friends, attending the right parties and finding your classes are just a few of the challenges college brings your way. Rubbermaid® offers some tips on how to make the transition to college life a breeze.

Make Your Dorm Room as Much Like Home as Possible

Students spend tons of time in their dorm rooms—hanging out, sleeping and studying. Bringing a few familiar items from home helps ease the transition of living in a new environment. Favorite CDs and posters give dorms a lived-in feeling and allow students to express themselves. Bring along a plush rug or a bag chair so friends will have lots of places to stretch out.

Prepare For Simple, Everyday Things

With so much to worry about, keep simple things—such as taking a shower—simple. By carrying one basket packed with all the essential personal hygiene products, such as soap, shampoo and razors, the trek down the hall will not seem too exasperating. A tote, such as the Rubbermaid Spa Works Bath Basket, does the trick. With a handle for easy transport and a self-draining design that prevents water buildup and mildew, it is perfect for dorm room storage. Another option is to bring a Spa Works Shower Caddy. Students can carry their toiletries to the shower and hang the caddy from the nozzle while showering.

To simplify room decorating, students should also have a tool-



box containing needed items such as wall hangers, screwdrivers, hammers, tape, pliers and wrench.

Practice Makes Perfect

New adventures as a student can range from the extraordinary to the routine, from doing laundry to cooking for the first time. Practicing these activities before going away to school can prevent annoying mishaps such as white clothes turning red or a large sweatshirt shrinking into a child's size. The Rubbermaid Stack'n Sort laundry basket can be that subtle reminder to separate whites from colors. Like no other basket on the market today, Stack'n Sort baskets nest for easy storage or stack into two compartments for sorting. To maximize floor space, stack the baskets in a closet.

A Taste of Home

Here's the perfect recipe to alleviate homesickness—comfort food. Ask mom or dad to cook your favorite dish or bake cookies or brownies and send them as a care package. Rubbermaid food storage containers deliver freshness when the dishes arrive and can be used afterwards to preserve the food for days, if it lasts that long.

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