



# COLLEGE LIFE



## Tips For Tackling Dorm-Room Clutter

(NAPSA)—In dorm rooms space is the final frontier. That's why minimizing clutter is so essential to college living

Whether living in a dorm, apartment or off-campus house, college students face the same predicament—fitting many belongings into a limited space. Just about every college student moves into their dorm with a stereo, television, computer and complete wardrobe. Students need to find ways to maximize the small amount of living space they have to fit these items in, especially when they live with roommates.

Here are some tips to help maximize limited space:

- **Organize drawers**—Use dividers to divvy up room in dresser and desk drawers. This not only saves space, but also keeps items organized and easy to find.

- **Utilize storage containers**—Invest in storage boxes, bins, crates and trunks. You can even store smaller items such as jewelry, school supplies, and accessories in shoeboxes. Also, use the space under your bed wisely. Obtain under-bed storage units for out-of-season clothes and other items that don't need to be easily accessible.

- **Make it portable**—Put storage containers on wheels so you can move them out of the way when not in use. To keep your bathroom clutter-free, use a shower tote. The Duck® brand Large Tote helps organize soap, shampoo, conditioner and razors in an easy-to-carry durable plastic tote.

- **Think vertically**—Stack crates on top of each other for easy storage of books, food, dishes, videotapes and CDs. Stacking up rather than out is visually appealing and saves floor space.



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- **Keep your desk clear**—Use desk organizers to keep track of pens, pencils, scissors and highlighters, but also to free up precious desktop space for more efficient and productive studying. To clear the space used by bulky tape dispensers, try the Duck® brand Multi-Mount™ Tape Dispenser. Its special MicroSuction™ base allows it to stay firmly in place yet removes cleanly and easily from smooth surfaces, even vertical ones, like computer monitors, file cabinets, desktops, refrigerators and doors.

- **Get rid of that pile of used books**—and get money for them too! To avoid cluttering your room with highlighted, used textbooks that can't be sold back at your bookstore, mark textbooks with an erasable highlighter like the Duck® brand Dry-Lighter™. This way, when you finish the semester, you can go back and easily erase your highlights so the book looks as good as new!

- **Hang it**—Use suction cups and hooks to hang items on windows and walls. You can hang your brush, loofah or sponge in the shower or tub for convenient, out-of-the-way storage.

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