Frequently Asked Questions for Housing

What should I bring?

Your apartment will be semi-furnished so you don't need to worry about bringing too many heavy pieces of furniture. We encourage residents to create a comfortable living environment in their apartment and rooms. Suggestions:

**Kitchen**
- Dishes/silverware
- Dish towels/dish cloths
- Small appliances (toaster/crockpot)
- 13-gallon garbage bags
- Dishwasher soap/dish soap

**Bedroom**
- Sheets/pillows/blanks
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- Mattress cover
- Hangers
- Lamp
- Garbage can

**Bathroom**
- Small garbage can
- Towels/washcloths
- Personal hygiene items

**Laundry Room**
- Laundry soap/fabric softener
- Laundry basket
- Cleaning supplies

**Living Room**
- Television

What size are the beds?

Our mattresses are twin XL (extra-long).

Can I bring my own bed?

Unfortunately, due to the size of the bedrooms and the lack of storage, we don’t allow residents to bring their own beds.
* Also, due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are advising residents to limit what they bring.

Can I bring pets?

We value the companionship a pet can bring to its owner, but our buildings cannot accommodate all pets. You can bring fish in an aquarium.

I’m 21, can I smoke in the residence halls?

We are a tobacco free campus. You are not allowed to smoke in your apartment or on the grounds surrounding the residence halls.

I’m 21, can I drink in the residence halls?

We are also an alcohol-free campus. You are not allowed to consume alcohol on campus, in your apartment, or on campus grounds, even if you are of legal age.

Can I live off campus as a freshman?
Living on campus is important in achieving higher GPAs, it’s a great place to meet new people, and conveniently located minutes away from your 8:00 AM class. We don’t require freshman to live on campus, but it’s strongly encouraged.

I don’t have a vehicle; how will I get around?

Many of our residents do not have cars, here are a few local options to help you get around.

1. Find a friend that has a car and chip in some gas money occasionally to help them out.
2. Virginia has a few taxi services available. Check them out here: [https://www.yellowpages.com/virginia-mn/taxi](https://www.yellowpages.com/virginia-mn/taxi).
3. Virginia has a local bus system called Arrowhead Transit ([www.arrowheadtransit.com/services/saintlouis-county](http://www.arrowheadtransit.com/services/saintlouis-county)) or 800-862-0175.
   - Arrowhead transit’s local Dial-A-Ride service is $1.75 one way and $3.50 round trip.
   - To Duluth is just $4 round trip.
   - If you are looking to go further, check out Jefferson Lines ([www.jeffersonlines.com](http://www.jeffersonlines.com)) bus service. They have a bus stop one mile from campus and can bring you to Duluth, Minneapolis, and beyond.

*Arrowhead transit is waiving all fees for transportation.* (This will last through October 2020 and possibly through the end of the year.)

*Currently (fall 2020), the Virginia campus is not providing food service.* To accommodate residents, the Director of Residential life will set up a schedule for rides to Walmart and Super One Foods.

What’s new?

- Masks required on campus
- Cleaning protocols
- Quarantine and Isolation Plan

See materials provided at move in and in the apartment folder for more details.

**COVID-19 Related Questions**

**What do I do if I get sick?**

We have mapped out procedures for quarantine and isolation based on advice from St. Louis County Public Health Department and Center for Disease Control. As guidance is changing regularly, we will be updating our Quarantine and Isolation Plan and providing you a hard copy when you check into housing. That information will also be available on the housing page of MRC’s website.

**How will I know if I have COVID-19?**

The following is a list of COVID-19 symptoms:

1. New or worsening cough
2. New or worsening shortness of breath
3. A fever or a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above
4. Two or more of the following symptoms:
   - Chills
   - Headache
   - Sore throat
   - Muscle pain
   - Loss of taste or smell
Is testing available?

At this time, according to the St. Louis County Health Department, testing is available for those who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Residents who have had high risk contact with a COVID positive person, may not be able to be tested unless it is part of a large outbreak.

What if my roommate gets sick?

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If I am in quarantine or isolation, how will I get what I need (food, medicine, etc.)?

A student who has self-assessed symptoms consistent with the COVID virus or tests positive should make every effort to return home. We understand that may not always be possible and we cannot encourage public transportation. If a student is unable to return home, he/she will be moved from their apartment to an isolation apartment, and roommates will be quarantined. The Director of Residential Life will be available to assist resident with their needs.

We encourage all residents to purchase a prepaid credit card for this purpose. Please see Quarantine and Isolation Plan for specific details.