

# Dorm Storage Inventory Tracker

## Know What Goes Where Before You Buy More

A compact planner for tracking bins, drawers, closet space, under-bed storage, and the stuff that usually gets lost in a small dorm room.

**What this PDF includes:** a room storage snapshot, measurement checklist, storage zone planner, bin and label tracker, packing inventory, shared item notes, buy-before vs wait-to-buy guidance, and a final custom planning page.

Student / room	Move-in date	Room type

### Quick Start

- Measure before buying under-bed bins, cube shelves, or over-door organizers.
- Plan storage by zone: closet, under-bed, desk, dresser, bathroom, and food.
- Pack by category and label every bin on at least two sides.
- Ask your roommate before buying shared storage or bulky furniture.
- Check your school rules for lofting beds, command strips, hooks, and appliances.
- Wait to buy extra bins until you see what actually fits in the room.

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Plan what to buy, what to skip, and how to make dorm life easier.



## Measure First: Storage Snapshot

Dorm storage fails when items are bought before anyone knows the bed height, closet shape, drawer space, or door style.

<p><b>Buy before move-in</b> Hangers, laundry hamper, a few small bins, labels, and one flexible tote.</p>	<p><b>Wait until you know</b> Large under-bed bins, rolling carts, cube shelves, shoe racks, and big drawers.</p>	<p><b>Ask first</b> Shared shelves, shared fridge bins, extra mirrors, vacuum, rug, and cleaning caddy.</p>
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Area to measure	Measurement	Notes
Under-bed height		Bed low, raised, or lofted?
Closet width/depth		Rod height, shelf space, door style
Dresser drawers		How many and how deep?
Desk shelves/drawers		Books, tech, school supplies
Door clearance		Can an over-door hook fit?
Wall space		Allowed hooks, shelves, or strips?
Mini fridge/snack area		Outlet and ventilation space

## Pick Your Main Storage Zones

<input type="checkbox"/> Closet: clothes, shoes, jackets, hamper, and extra linens.	<input type="checkbox"/> Dresser: everyday clothes, pajamas, basics, accessories.
<input type="checkbox"/> Under-bed: bulky items, seasonal clothes, towels, backup supplies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom/shower: caddy, towels, toiletries, shower shoes.
<input type="checkbox"/> Desk: school supplies, tech, chargers, planner, papers.	<input type="checkbox"/> Food/snacks: shelf-stable snacks, dishes, water bottle, coffee/tea items.



## Closet Inventory Tracker

Closet space is usually smaller than expected. Keep the items you use most often easiest to reach.

Item/category	Where it goes	Need organizer?	Notes
Everyday tops/bottoms			
Jackets/hoodies			
Shoes			
Laundry hamper			
Towels/extra sheets			
Seasonal clothes			

**Skip this at first:** giant closet systems. Start with slim hangers, one hamper, and one shoe solution. Add more only after you see the closet.

## Under-Bed Storage Tracker

Under-bed space is useful, but only if the bin height fits. Measure before buying anything bulky.

Bin / bag	Contents	Size	Label	Packed?
Bin 1				
Bin 2				
Bin 3				
Soft bag / tote				



## Desk, Dresser, and Daily-Use Storage

Keep daily-use items where you actually use them. If it takes effort to put something away, it will probably become a pile.

<input type="checkbox"/> Desk drawer: pens, sticky notes, chargers, small tech.	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawer dividers: socks, basics, accessories, hair items.
<input type="checkbox"/> Desktop tray: planner, laptop, current notebooks, ID holder.	<input type="checkbox"/> Nightstand area: medicine, water bottle, glasses, charger.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dresser top: everyday essentials only, not random clutter.	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack zone: hook, chair, or corner that keeps it off the floor.

Category	Storage spot	Container needed?	Notes
School supplies			
Tech/chargers			
Medicine/nightstand			
Accessories/hair			
Important papers			

## Bathroom, Laundry, and Food Storage

<input type="checkbox"/> Shower caddy: keep it easy to carry and easy to dry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning supplies: keep basics together in one small caddy or bin.
<input type="checkbox"/> Towels: keep one in use, one backup, and one wash rotation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Snacks: use one bin or shelf so food does not spread everywhere.
<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry: choose a hamper that fits your route to the laundry room.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fridge items: use small bins only if they fit and do not block airflow.



## Bin, Label, and Container Tracker

Labels save time on move-in day and make it easier to find things after the room is full of boxes.

Container	Label name	What goes inside?	Keep / return?
Clear bin 1			
Clear bin 2			
Drawer organizer			
Under-bed bin			
Soft tote			
Snack bin			
Shower caddy			

**Dorm Blueprint Tip:** Label bins by function, not just category. "First Night," "Laundry," "Desk Setup," and "Shower" are easier to unpack than "Stuff."

## Packing Inventory: What Is Going Where?

Box/bag	Contents	Unpack first?	Final storage spot
First-night bag		Yes	
Bedding bag			
Closet bin			
Desk/school box			
Bathroom bag			



## Buy, Wait, Ask, or Check First

This is where most dorm storage budgets get messy. Do not buy every organizer before you know the actual room.

Decision	Good examples	Why it matters
Buy before move-in	Slim hangers, labels, hamper, small caddy, a few zip bags	These work in almost any room.
Wait until you see the room	Rolling cart, large rug, cube shelf, extra drawers, tall shoe rack	They may not fit or may block the room.
Ask your roommate first	Shared shelves, shared mirror, shared fridge bins, vacuum	Avoid duplicates and awkward storage fights.
Check your school rules	Lofting, bed risers, over-door hooks, wall strips, shelves	Rules vary by campus and building.

## Shared Storage and Ownership Notes

If something is shared, decide who owns it, who buys it, and what happens at move-out.

Shared item	Who buys it?	Who keeps it?	Notes
Vacuum / broom			
Snack shelf/bin			
Fridge bins			
Mirror			
Shared cleaning caddy			
Extra storage shelf			

**Roommate rule:** If both people bought it, write down who takes it home at the end of the year. Future you will appreciate it.

