



# MOVING IN 2022





## Move-in occurs Thursday, September 15 - Sunday, September 18

- ✓ Sign-up for a move-in date and time on the move-in app, starting August 15
- ✓ Meal service begins with Thursday dinner at 5 p.m.
- ✓ Classes begin Wednesday, September 21

### Arrival Time Sign-Up

Monday, August 15: Move-In app opens. Sign-Up for move-in date and time.

Official Move-in occurs Thursday, September 15 - Sunday, September 18. Early arrival may be an option if you are in a special program. Follow your program's specific arrival instructions.



### Where to Check In & Unload

1. Use the required arrival instructions on page 3 to arrive at your community's car queue and check-in tent. Bring official picture ID such as your driver's license, passport or Western ID card to receive your keys. Here you will get in line, receive your room keys and car tag, then wait to be directed to an unloading line.
2. When it's your turn to unload, staff will check your car tag and direct you to your building's loading zone. You will have 30 minutes to unload your vehicle.
3. After unloading, move your vehicle to the C-lots for free parking during move in. Students, families, and guests can look for shuttle locations for rides back to their residence hall.

**MOVE IN TIP:** Bring water, something to read and a snack! You may have to wait in your vehicle for a while before unloading.

# MOVE IN DAY ESSENTIALS

## Eight Steps on the Big Day

### 1. Check your student email

We will send important information regarding move in to your Western email approximately a month before arriving at Western.

### 2. Follow our Moving-In driving directions

Driving directions to your staging area are on page 10 (where cars queue up by the check-in tent). Some areas have a car line to wait in before you arrive at staging area car queue, so only cars that have been in the the line are allowed into the staging area.

### 3. Get in the car queue

Waiting here can be 20 minutes to several hours, so come prepared with patience, snacks and your cell phone.

### 4. Recieve your car tag

All vehicles are given a car tag from staff while in queue.

### 5. Recieve keys at check-in tent

While in car queue, student takes official picture ID to check-in at tent and receive keys. This prepares you for green light to go to building unloading zone.

### 6. Unload car at buiding unloading zone

Let our crew of over 300 volunteers help unload your car. Reminder: unloading car tag required – see step 4. You must leave one person with car at all times.

### 7. Move car to longer-term parking

Move your empty vehicle to one of the C-lots and take the shuttle back to your residence hall.

### 8. Set up your room

Arrange your room the way you and your roommates like and meet your neighbors.

*\* For special programs and activities that require early arrival, follow instructions provided by your program.*

## Dining during Moving-In day

### What's Open

Western offers over a dozen dining venues, including campus cafés, markets and dining commons. All venues accept cash, credit cards, Viking Dollars and Dining Dollars. Most venues open on Monday, but the following open starting Thursday:

VU Café	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
VU Market	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
VU Subway	10 a.m. – 5 pm.
Viking Commons	5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Ridgeway Commons	5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Fairhaven Commons	5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

*\* For Dining locations and hours before Thursday visit: [dining.wvu.edu](http://dining.wvu.edu)*

## Thursday - Sunday Night Events

Don't miss your two community opening events:

- Floor meeting
- Dinner



**MOVE IN TIP:** Explore what to do around town before your family leaves:  
[www.bellingham.org](http://www.bellingham.org).

Check your status in MyHousing  
[housing.wvu.edu/myhousing](http://housing.wvu.edu/myhousing)

# SUGGESTED ESSENTIALS

- ❑ **Approved appliances:** electric tea kettles, coffee makers, blenders, electric fans, air purifiers, rice cookers, microwave ovens up to 900w, mini-fridges no larger than 4.5 cubic feet.
- ❑ **Clothing:** plan for rain, snow and sun; bring warm layers, sensible shoes, rainproof jacket with hood, warm coat, waterproof boots, scarf, hat and gloves.
- ❑ **Emergency kit with rechargeable flashlight**
- ❑ **Environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies**
- ❑ **Flashlight:** plan for shorter daylight hours in the winter.
- ❑ **Laundry gear:** laundry bag, hamper or basket, detergent, hangers.
- ❑ **Linens:** extra-long twin sheets, mattress pad or topper, pillows, blankets, comforter, sleeping bag, towels.
- ❑ **Medical:** prescription medications, pain reliever, cold remedies, tissue, thermometer, antacid, allergy medicine.
- ❑ **Official documents required for employment:** Social Security card, passport, driver's license, birth certificate.
- ❑ **Personal technology:** laptop, tablet or desktop computer, USB-connected printer, game console, TV, fire-safe surge protector.
- ❑ **Security items:** fireproof lockbox or locking storage chest, laptop cable lock.
- ❑ **Storage:** food, dishware, clothing, hangers, outdoor gear.
- ❑ **Toiletries:** shower caddy and bathroom supplies.
- ❑ **Travel toolkit:** half-inch socket wrench for bunking or lofting your bed.



## Prohibited Items

**Firearms or weapons**

**Flammable materials or explosives**

**Hazardous appliances:** electric hotplates, burners, toasters and toaster ovens (allowed in suites with kitchenettes), space heaters, electric blankets, halogen lamps over 300w, hover boards, any appliance that is not UL approved.

**Non-university beds or accessories**

**Pets are prohibited**, but fish in tanks under 10 gallons are allowed. Assistance animals are not considered pets.

**Wireless Routers**

## Assistance Animals

If you plan to bring a service dog or an emotional support animal, see Animals in Residence at [housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/community-standards/animals-residence](https://housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/community-standards/animals-residence).

**MOVE IN TIP:** While your car is in the queue, send someone on a coffee run to the Viking Union!

# HELP US PREPARE FOR OPENING WEEKEND

Join our welcoming teams and arrive early at no extra charge!

Sign up before August 19:

[housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/jobs/western-welcome-team](https://housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/jobs/western-welcome-team)

## Volunteer with Western Welcome Team

Be part of the move in team that welcomes over 4,000 students to their new home. WWT volunteers will assist with traffic control, curbside unloading and carrying stuff to student rooms. Arrive on Tuesday free of charge and receive meals. WWT shifts occur during peak times on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**MOVE IN TIP:** Bring a 1/2 inch socket wrench for bunking or lofting your bed.



# DINING SERVICES



## Residential Dining Commons

Three dining commons are open 12-15 continuous hours on weekdays, giving you maximum flexibility within your class schedule. Brunch is always served on the weekends, so you can sleep late without missing breakfast or lunch. Enjoy buffet-style dining with WiFi and comfortable seating in any of the dining commons:

- North Campus: Viking Commons
- The Ridge: Ridgeway Commons
- South Campus: Fairhaven Commons

## Campus Cafés & Markets

Choose from a full range of retail locations to suit your taste, budget and schedule. Find a variety of wholesome, delicious fare made in-house, by local providers, or by familiar brands like Starbucks, Subway and Panda Express. We offer vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options. All cafés and markets accept Dining Dollars, Viking Dollars, cash and credit cards.

## Viking Dollars

Viking Dollars are prepaid debit funds that go on your Western ID card for exclusive use at the cafés, markets or dining commons on campus. Purchases made with Viking Dollars are discounted 10 percent and food purchases are exempt from sales tax (another 8.7 percent). Purchase Viking Dollars at the Arntzen Atrium, Miller Market, Wilson Library Zoe's, VU Market, Edens Hall 109, or online at [dining.wvu.edu](http://dining.wvu.edu).

## Using Your Meal Plan

Each residential meal plan comes with a quarterly allowance of meals plus \$231 Dining Dollars. Meals are available at any dining commons: swipe your Western ID card when you enter the commons and one all-you-care-to-eat meal will be deducted from your dining balance. Unused meals expire at the end of the quarter.

Dining Dollars may be spent in any of the campus cafés, markets, or dining commons and carry over from one quarter to the next. Meal plan changes can be made at the Dining Services office in Edens Hall 109. Upgrades are accepted anytime, and downgrades are accepted through the second Friday of each quarter.

\* *Apartment residents can purchase an optional meal plan at [dining.wvu.edu](http://dining.wvu.edu)*

## Our Commitment to Students with Food Allergies

If you are living with food allergies, you are familiar with managing your health and wellness. Western works hard to provide the tools you need to maximize your dining experience on campus. We encourage you to meet with our registered dietitian and executive chef when you arrive on campus.



Monitor your dining balance  
[dining.wvu.edu](http://dining.wvu.edu)

# COMMUNICATION/TECHNOLOGY

## Official Communication

Your WWU email is the University's official method of communication. Housing staff regularly send official, time-sensitive communication by email. You are accountable for all information sent to your student email. You may set up email forwarding to redirect your Western email to a personal email account.

## Receiving Mail & Packages

To ensure your mail successfully reaches your residence hall, address mail and packages as presented below, using your official first and last name. You should always use trackable, insured options when mailing cash or anything of value. When tracked items arrive, pickup notice is sent to your university email account.

For more details on resident mail, visit [housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/mail-deliveries](http://housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/mail-deliveries)

## Shipping Items Before You Arrive

It may be practical to ship some of your belongings in advance, especially if you are coming from another state or country.

Your Full Name  
516 High Street  
Hall Name + Room Number  
Bellingham, WA 98225

- Packages are accepted a maximum of seven days prior to your arrival; any packages sent more than seven days in advance, may be returned to sender.
- To ensure proper delivery, address the package in the format presented above and use trackable insured options.



## Tech Support

Residential Technology Services (ResTek) provides technology education and support by phone and email on issues concerning Internet connectivity, game consoles and copyright law. For more information, visit: [restek.wvu.edu](http://restek.wvu.edu).

## Connecting to the Internet

WiFi is provided throughout the residence halls and is included in your room rate.

## Using WiFi

Wireless routers are prohibited on our network. You can access the Internet through WWU WiFi using your universal login.

Note: wireless printers connected to our network can be seen and possibly used by other students. For more information, visit: [restek.wvu.edu/get-online/other-devices](http://restek.wvu.edu/get-online/other-devices).

## Residential Computer Labs

Each community has access to a 24-hour computer lab and printer.



For technology information visit:  
[restek.wvu.edu](http://restek.wvu.edu).



# ODDS & ENDS

## Standard Amenities

Every room comes with WiFi, window coverings, a recycle bin, compost bucket and trash can. Standard furnishings for each student include: dresser or built-in drawers, closet or wardrobe for hanging clothes, desk and chair.

## Bed Options

Twin XL sheets will fit any of our mattresses on campus. You may have the option of customizing your bed into a loft, bunk or high single/captain.

For more information visit Beds and Furnishings: [housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/maintenance-requests#bed-options](https://housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/maintenance-requests#bed-options)

## Housekeeping

Residents are responsible for the regular cleaning of their room, suite or apartment, including the proper disposal of trash and recyclables. Toilet paper is provided in the residence halls; Birnam Wood residents must provide their own toilet paper.

**Suite style bathrooms:** You and your suitemates are also responsible for cleaning your bathroom. Environmentally friendly cleaning products are strongly encouraged.

**Hallway style bathrooms:** Custodial staff clean your bathroom if you live in a building with community bathrooms.

## Laundry Facilities

Each residential community is equipped with energy-efficient front-loading washers and dryers. Laundry is included in your room cost. No laundry card, coins or tokens are required.

## Vehicle Parking

If you intend to park on campus contact Parking Services: [www.wvu.edu/parking](https://www.wvu.edu/parking).

## Bicycles

Racks designated for bicycle storage are provided throughout campus and within each residential community. Bicycles stored anywhere else are subject to impound. To see the type of bike storage available in your building, go to [housing.wvu.edu/get-started/explore-the-buildings](https://housing.wvu.edu/get-started/explore-the-buildings)

## Keep Your Stuff Safe

The University assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to your personal property from any cause. We strongly recommend you obtain Student Property Insurance or request Renters Insurance through your family insurance company.



**MOVE IN TIP:** For room decor inspiration, follow us on Facebook or Pinterest!



## Paying Your Student Account

Room and board are billed to your student account before the start of each quarter, and your student account is accessible through MyWestern. Housing and meal plan rates are available at [housing.wvu.edu](https://housing.wvu.edu).

## The Housing Agreement

The term of the **Housing Agreement** is the length of the academic year, or remainder thereof if you moved in midyear. Termination of occupancy before the last week of spring quarter may result in checkout penalties and a contract breakage fee. For more information, visit [housing.wvu.edu/2022-2023-housing-agreement](https://housing.wvu.edu/2022-2023-housing-agreement).

## Community Standards

As a member of the residential community, you are responsible for understanding and abiding by the residential policies and procedures, including the **Housing Agreement**, the **Community Standards** and **Conduct Procedures**. Before you move in, take the time to get familiar with the Community Standards at [housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/community-standards](https://housing.wvu.edu/life-on-campus/community-standards).

## Access to Your Building and Room

At check-in you will receive a set of keys and/or fob that gives you access to your community, building, room and mailbox. You are financially responsible for your keys/fobs. Lost or damaged keys/fobs create a security risk to you and your community and must be reported to your front desk immediately.

## Room Transfers

Students desiring a room change within the housing system can initiate a request with their Resident Director starting the third week of the quarter. Transfer requests may take several weeks or longer to fulfill depending upon current occupancy.

## Western ID Card

Once you register for classes, you are eligible for an official Western ID card. Your card covers:

- WWU official photo ID
- Swipe-access to your meal plan and Viking Dollars
- Student bus pass and shuttle
- Rec Center access
- Athletic events
- Library Services

For more information, visit [wp.wvu.edu/westerncard/](https://wp.wvu.edu/westerncard/).

## Cancellation Before Arrival

If you change your mind about living on campus or attending Western altogether, please notify University Residences in person or by email to [Housing@wvu.edu](mailto:Housing@wvu.edu) and include your name, student ID number, and a statement cancelling your housing reservation. Refund or forfeiture of the \$200 housing deposit is determined by several factors and specified in the Housing Agreement.

More information at:  
[housing.wvu.edu/move-in](https://housing.wvu.edu/move-in)

# STAGING AREA ARRIVAL

Feel free to use your phone to navigate to Bellingham. Once you are close to the city limits please follow our directions for freeway exit and navigation to campus. This will help you arrive at your building's staging area where you will be issued your unloading car tag.

## STAGING AREA **A** NORTH CAMPUS

**Buildings:** Edens • Edens North • Higginson • Mathes • Nash

### Northbound on Interstate 5

1. Take Exit 253 (Lakeway Dr)
2. Turn right onto King St
3. Turn right onto Lakeway Dr
4. Continue on Lakeway Dr for .5 miles
5. Bear right onto E Holly St
6. Turn left onto Billy Frank Jr. St
7. Turn left onto East Chestnut St
8. Turn right onto Jersey St
9. Follow signs and staff to your correct building's staging area

### Southbound on Interstate 5

1. Take Exit 253 (Lakeway Dr)
2. Turn right onto Lakeway Dr
3. Continue on Lakeway Dr for .3 miles
4. Bear right onto E Holly St
5. Turn left onto Billy Frank Jr. St
6. Turn left onto East Chestnut St
7. Turn right onto Jersey St
8. Follow signs and staff to your correct building's staging area

## STAGING AREA **B** RIDGE

**Buildings:** Sigma • Omega • Delta • Alpha • Beta • Gamma • Alma Clark Glass • Kappa

### Northbound on Interstate 5

1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn left at stop sign onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at light onto S Samish Way
4. Turn left at light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
5. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for 1 mile
6. Follow signs to your building's staging area

### Southbound on Interstate 5

1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn right onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at next light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
4. Continue on Bill McDonald Pkwy for 1 mile
5. Follow signs to your building's staging area

## STAGING AREA **C** SOUTH CAMPUS

**Buildings:** Buchanan Towers • Buchanan Towers East • Birnam Wood • Fairhaven

### Northbound on Interstate 5

1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn left at stop sign onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at light onto S Samish Way
4. Turn left at light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
5. Follow signs to your building's staging area

### Southbound on Interstate 5

1. Take Exit 252 (Samish Way, W Wash University)
2. Turn right onto Samish Way
3. Turn left at next light onto Bill McDonald Pkwy
4. Follow signs to your building's staging area

**A**

**North Campus**

- 1 Edens Hall (EH)
- 2 Edens North (EN)
- 3 Higginson Hall (HG)
- 5 Mathes Hall (MA)
- 4 Nash Hall (NA)

**B**

**Ridgeway**

- 6 Alma Clark Glass (CG)
- 7 Ridgeway Kappa (RK)
- 8 Ridgeway Sigma (RS)
- 9 Ridgeway Omega (RO)
- 11 Ridgeway Delta (RD)
- 10 Ridgeway Alpha (RA)
- 12 Ridgeway Beta (RB)
- 13 Ridgeway Gamma (RG)

**C**

**South Campus**

- 14 Fairhaven Complex (FX)
- 15 Buchanan Towers (BT)
- 16 Buchanan Towers East (BQ)
- 17 Birnam Wood (BW)



**A**

Staging area A is located off-campus down Billy Frank Jr in a lot on Jersey St.

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND STAGING AREAS**



University Residences  
Edens Hall 103, MS 9195  
516 High Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225 USA



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IN SEPTEMBER!**