

USC Housing Spring 2026 Check-in Guide



Welcome to USC and university housing!
We look forward to seeing you when you move in for Spring 2026.

Check-In

When is Check-in?

Check-in day for Spring is Thursday, January 8, 2026, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

What if I can't check-in on the scheduled day?

If you need to arrive after 4:00pm January 8, please contact your Customer Service Center (CSC), listed below, in writing as soon as possible to advise them of that.

Please note that it is not possible to check into any Spring housing assignment any earlier than January 8.

What do I need to check in?

Please bring a picture identification (driver's license or USC student ID card) with you when you come to Check-in.

Where do I go to check in?

Spring residents should go to the CSC for their building assignment as listed below to check-in.

● UNDERGRADUATES

<i>If your housing assignment is for:</i>	<i>Then you should check-in at:</i>
Arts & Humanities Residential College	Arts & Humanities Residential College CSC (PRB) 920 West 37th Place
Cardinal Gardens Apartments McClintock Apartments · Webb Tower	Cardinal Gardens CSC (CAR) 3131 S. McClintock Avenue
Cale and Irani Residential College McMorrow Residential College	Cale and Irani Residential College (UVS) 929 W. Jefferson Boulevard
Century · Helena · La Sorbonne	Century CSC (CAP) 3115 S. Orchard Street
Cowlings and Ilium Residential College Nemirovsky and Bohnett Residential College	Cowlings and Ilium Residential College CSC (UVN) 3131 S. Hoover Street
International Residential College at Parkside Parkside Apartments	International Residential College at Parkside CSC (IRC) 3771 S. McClintock Avenue
McCarthy Honors College	McCarthy Honors College CSC (UVF) 3096 S. McClintock Avenue
Birnkrant Residential College · New North Residential College University Gateway Apartments	New North Residential College CSC (NEW) 635 McCarthy Way
Marks Tower · Pardee Tower	Pardee Tower CSC (PTD) 614 Hellman Way
Max Kade House · Hillview · Annenberg House	Sierra CSC (SIE) 2638 Portland Street
Cardinal 'N Gold · Troy East · Troy Hall	Troy Complex CSC (TRE) 3025 Royal Street

Contact information for all Customer Service Centers can be found in the [USC Resident Information](#) booklet

Please see other side for important information →

Moving In

Parking and Unloading

On-campus unloading zones are for temporary parking only, a restriction that will be enforced by university officers, so please, be sure to pay attention to posted parking restrictions when moving in.

No special provisions for unloading will be available for North University Park Campus locations.

Moving Your Stuff

Large wheeled bins will be available at each CSC for hauling in your belongings. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and may be checked out for a limited time.

Elevators

All of USC's on-campus residence halls, suites and apartment buildings have elevators, with the exception of New North Residential College. In that building, please be prepared for multiple trips up the stairs and plan accordingly. In places that do have elevators, expect them to be busy, so please be patient.

Our large north campus apartment facilities have elevators, but many of our smaller buildings do not. You may need to carry your possessions up a flight or two of stairs in these locations.

Shipping Your Belongings

You can use any carrier (UPS, U.S. Postal Service, etc) to ship your items to your USC address. Your campus address can be found in the [USC Resident Information](#) booklet. You may have items sent to that address without the room number. Room/apartment numbers will be issued at check-in. Our staff will look up your room number and notify you when your packages arrive.

Please note, however, since *we cannot accept any packages for residents who have not checked in*, we will refuse any packages for you prior to your arrival. Please time your shipments to arrive *after* you have checked in.

Important Policies

Pets

Pets are not allowed in housing facilities for legal, health and safety reasons, the only exception being fish tanks of 10 gallon or less capacity. Pets are not allowed to 'visit' at any time.

Smoking policy

All University housing facilities, regardless of location, are smoke-free environments. (This includes e-cigarettes/vaping.) Smoking is not allowed, even if roommates give their consent or the resident is the sole occupant of the apartment or residence hall room. All common areas - including apartment balconies are - also designated smoke-free.

Parking Permits

USC Transportation offers parking on the University Park Campus, North University Park building lots and at the Parking Center. Please contact USC Transportation directly at (213) 740-3575 to obtain an application, inquire about availability of parking lots, or for general information regarding parking. You may also apply on-line at transnet.usc.edu.

What to Bring With You

Thinking about what to bring with you? Here's a quick list.

Basic Items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedspread or comforter | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows and pillowcases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hangers | <input type="checkbox"/> Fan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power strip/surge protector | <input type="checkbox"/> Desk lamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV (cable-ready) | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations |

Apartments with Kitchens:

If you're assigned to an apartment with a kitchen you'll need all of the above plus :

- Dishes
- Glasses
- Cooking and eating utensils
- Pots and pans
- Microwave
- Small kitchen appliances
- Basic cleaning tools and supplies
- Paper products (toilet tissue, paper towels)

Tips:

- You may wish to coordinate bringing big items, such as appliances, with your roommate(s).
- Not everything has to be brought when you check-in. Some items can be brought or shipped later.

Please Don't Bring:

- Air-conditioning units - If your housing assignment does not have AC, you cannot install or have a unit of any type yourself. This is a physical alteration of the property, prohibited for safety and security reasons.
- Dishwashers- Installing a dishwashing machine is a physical alteration prohibited for safety reasons.
- Dish/Satellite TV Receivers - Installing such a unit is a physical alteration prohibited for safety reasons. Remember: all housing facilities come with free digital cable TV service.
- WiFi routers - WiFi is provided in all housing facilities.

Provided Furnishings

All university housing is fully furnished. Undergraduate buildings have extra long twin beds (36" by 80") and each resident also has a desk and chair, three dresser drawers and closet space.

Apartments have furniture appropriate to their type. Those with living rooms have sofas and end tables and most include a dining table and chairs. Apartments with kitchens have a stove/oven and refrigerator. Each residence hall/suite room has a microwave/fridge combination.

Due to space limitations we are unable to remove or store University furniture provided in rooms or apartments.

Reassignment

More details on spring semester reassignment will be available at a later date.