

LET'S SOAR INTO A GREAT YEAR AT THE NEST!

UTPB Student Housing & Residential Life has prepped this guidebook packed with everything you need to help make your move-in experience as smooth but be sure to check your UTPB email regularly to be sure you have done everything required before you get to campus.

Move Into the Nest:

Freshman: Aug.22

Upperclassmen: Aug. 23









NOTES BEFORE YOU LAND IN THE NEST:

Before you officially settle into your new home, make sure you're set up for a smooth takeoff! Here are the key things to check off your list before move-in day:

Get Your Student ID and Parking Permit

Your student ID is more than just a photo — it's your key to campus life!

You can get your parking permit and Student ID at the One Stop on the first floor of the Mesa Building. Bring it with you on move-in day (you may need it for check-in, dining, or building access)

Review Your Housing Documents

The terms and conditions of your housing agreement

The community standards and guidelines

Understanding these documents ahead of time helps you feel confident and prepared to live on campus.

Confirm Your Move-In Time & Assignment

Double-check the following details found on your UTPB Email for:

- ☐ Your assigned move-in date and time
- ☐ Your building and room number
- □ Roommate Information

Reach Out to Your Roommate(s) (Optional but Recommended!)

It's a great idea to connect with your roommate(s) before move-in! You can:

Introduce yourself and learn more about each other

Set expectations for things like guests, quiet hours, or cleaning

Building a positive roommate relationship starts early — and it makes move-in day feel a lot less awkward!







NEST NECESSITIES: WHATYOU CAN BRING TO THE RDH

WHAT TO BRING

- Essentials
- Twin XL bedding (sheets, comforter, mattress protector, pillows)
- Towels & washcloths
- Personal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)
- Toilet paper & bathroom cleaning supplies
- Laundry supplies (detergent, dryer sheets, laundry bag/basket)
- Clothes hangers
- Power strip (surge protector style)
- Desk lamp and/or reading light
- Basic first aid kit (band-aids, pain relievers, etc.)
- Room decor
- Thumb Tacks/small nails (for damage-free hanging)
- Alarm clock (if you prefer not to rely on your phone)
- Mini fridge
- Microwave
- Reusable plates, utensils, bowl, and mug
- Dish soap & sponge
- Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, ramen, cereal, etc.)
- Microwave: Up to 700 watts
- Mini Fridge: Up to 4.5 cubic feet (and energy-efficient models are encouraged)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Hot plates, toasters, air fryers or open-coil appliances
- Candles or incense
- Excessive kitchen gear (no full kitchen use; keep it minimal)
- Large furniture (limited space)
- TVs over 32" (space and practicality)
- Pets (besides approved fish)
- Excessive decor that could damage walls or violate safety rules
- Heavy-duty cleaning equipment (a small broom or Swiffer is plenty)



MEST NECESSITIES: WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE UPPERCLASSMEN APARTMENTS

What to Bring

- Twin bedding (sheets, comforter, pillows)
- · Towels, washcloths, bathmat
- · Laundry basket or bag
- Laundry detergent, dryer sheets etc.
- Clothes hangers
- Personal fan (if needed)
- Basic cleaning supplies
- Air freshener (plug-in or spray only—no candles)
- Pots and pans (just the essentials)
- Cooking utensils (spatula, spoon, etc.)
- Plates, bowls, cups, and silverware
- A few go-to spices and pantry snacks
- Reusable shopping bags (if needed)
- First aid kit
- Storage bins or cubes (if needed)
- Umbrella and weather-appropriate clothes

What Not to Bring

- Candles or incense
- Hot plates, portable burners, or personal cooktops
- Outdoor grills (including electric or charcoal)
- Command strips, hooks, large nails (use approved alternatives)
- · Pets that are not pre-approved



MEST SMARTER: WHAT TO HANDLE BEFORE YOU LAND

Protect Your Nest: Renter's Insurance

Renter's insurance is strongly recommended, and may be required in some cases, to protect your belongings in the event of theft, fire, water damage, or other unexpected events.

What to look for:

- Personal property coverage (clothing, electronics, furniture, etc.)
- Personal liability coverage
- Affordable monthly premiums (some start as low as \$5-\$10/month)
- · Policy start date aligned with your move-in

Pack Like a Falcon: Smart Packing Tips

Make your move-in day smoother by packing with intention:

- Pack in clear bins or stackable boxes for easier unloading
- Label everything with your name and room number
- Pack a small "first night" bag with your must-haves (PJs, toiletries, chargers)
- Check with roommates to avoid duplicates (microwave, TV, etc.)

🐾 Flying with Fur? Pet Registration Info

Bringing a pet or service/support cat or dog? Make sure your paperwork and approvals are in place before movein.

Here's what you'll need:

- Updated vaccination and vet records
- Must be under 50 lbs
- At least 1 year of age
- Official documentation and accommodation approval from the ADA office (If registering a ESA), contact housing@utpb.edu for referral
- No pets besides support/service animals in Residence and Dining Hall (RDH)
- No pets in non pet friendly units (Non Pet Apts: 90,92,98,99,101,All 80's. All 200's)

Important Notes:

Animals must be fully approved before arriving on campus

Students are responsible for care, cleanliness, and conduct of their animal

Unauthorized pets are not permitted in campus housing and are subject to improper pet fees and lease violations



THE NESTING PROCESS: WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT ON MOVE IN DAY



No Place Like The Nest

(1) Arrive On Time

Your move-in time is scheduled to help reduce traffic and wait times. Please plan to arrive promptly at your assigned time to ensure a smooth process for everyone.

- Check your email or portal for your assigned time
- Allow extra time for check-in and unloading
- Late arrivals may be asked to wait until space is available

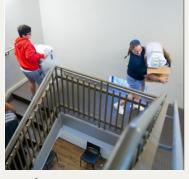


Falcon Family

№ Meet Your RA & Receive Your Room Key

When you check in, you'll be greeted by your Resident Assistant (RA) or housing staff member. They will help you:

- Check into your assigned space
- Answer any initial questions
- Provide your room key or access card
- You'll also receive important handouts or resources to help you get settled.



Moving Day 25'

Example 2 Carts & Dollies

We know move-in comes with lots of stuff! Carts and dollies will be available in limited quantities and may be borrowed for short periods of time.

Please note:

- Borrowing timeframes may be limited to ensure fair use
- · Availability is first-come, first-served
- Return carts promptly so others can use them too

▼ Freddy Falcon Reminder

Wear comfortable clothing and stay hydrated — it's likely to be a warm day!

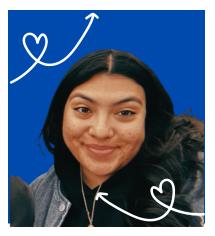
Bring your ID

Be patient and kind to staff and fellow Falcons — we're all in this together!

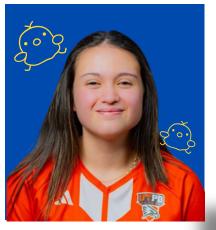




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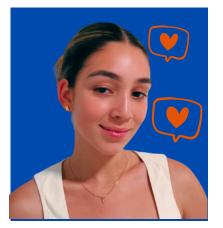
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APT RESIDENT ASSISTANTS 25-26'



HEADS UP, FALCONS: CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

What's Changing?

Maple Avenue entrance will be CLOSED

Parking at the Welcome Center and in both Library parking lots will be CLOSED Entrance to the Welcome Center and the west Library entrance will be CLOSED

Best Campus Access Points During Construction:

To help ease navigation during construction, please use the following entrance points depending on your destination:

To access Kirk, Art Building, Gym, SAC, Residence and Dining Halls: use the 42nd & Preston Smith Road entrance

To access Mesa Building, Welcome Center: use 42nd Street or the JBS Parkway entrance across from Market Street

To access On-Campus Apartments, Parker Ranch House, Science & Technology Building, Library, and STEM Academy: use the University Boulevard & UTPB Main Road entrance

Campus residents are strongly encouraged not to drive to classes on the UTPB main campus. We understand that some residence halls are farther from certain classroom buildings; however, you may drive and re-park your vehicle within student housing parking areas that are closer to your academic buildings.

<u>To prioritize resident parking, Student Housing will issue parking decals specifically for on-campus residents.</u>
<u>Keep an eye on your UTPB email for more information coming in early Fall 2025.</u>



WEEKS OF WELCOME:

