

move-in guide
2025-2026



Residence Life

LIVING

AT BERRY COLLEGE



**We are excited that Berry will become
your home for the next four years!**

Experiencing Berry College begins the second you arrive on campus! Our four-year residential community provides a safe, enjoyable home where you'll build lasting friendships — all while being steps away from campus amenities. Berry's residence life program will give you opportunities to develop relationships, essential life skills and responsibility for yourself and others. We're happy to welcome you home!



OUR RESIDENCE HALLS

Traditional style

Traditional style residence halls are organized with bedrooms located on either side of a central corridor and community bathrooms that serve the floor. Most rooms are double occupancy with some three and four person rooms. Traditional residence halls are equipped with common areas and kitchens. These residence halls house both first-year and upperclassmen students.

Traditional style residence halls:

[Clara Hall](#)

[Dana Hall](#)

[Friendship Hall](#) (mountain campus)

[East Mary and West Mary Halls](#)

[Morgan-Bailey Hall](#)

[Morgan and Deerfield Halls](#)

[Morton-Lemley Hall](#)

[Oak Hill Residences](#)

[Pilgrim Hall](#) (mountain campus)

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for a virtual tour
of campus and
inside look at our
residence halls.



OUR RESIDENCE HALLS

Suite style

Most rooms are double occupancy with some three-person rooms. Residents share an adjacent bathroom, a common area and kitchen with all residents in the suite. The suites are accessible from an interior common space. Suite style halls are reserved for upperclassmen students. The suite style residence halls each come outfitted with full-size kitchens. The kitchens are equipped with a microwave, stove, oven and refrigerator. Some have a dishwasher.

Suite style residence halls:

[Centennial Hall](#)

[Thomas Berry Hall](#)

[Townhouses](#)

[Cottages](#)

Students will log on to **HOUSING.BERRY.EDU** using their VikingWeb credentials to complete housing applications and view basic residence hall floor plans.



WHAT TO EXPECT IN YOUR ROOM

First-year students are housed together in the traditional style buildings. Upon arrival, each resident will be provided with:

- ◆ Bed with twin XL mattress
- ◆ Chest of drawers
- ◆ Closet or armoire
- ◆ Desk with desk chair
- ◆ Ethernet connection

Each traditional style building contains laundry facilities, lounges, at least one kitchen and wireless internet. Incoming transfer students are housed with other students of similar age and/or class year in school in traditional style residence halls, when available.



LOFT BEDS AND LINENS

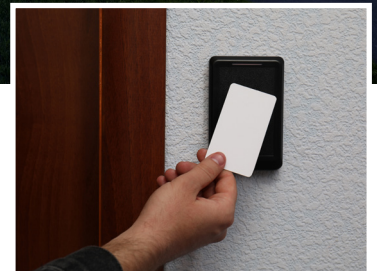
Lofting your bed is one way to maximize space in your residence hall room. Rooms in Dana, East Mary, West Mary, Pilgrim, Morgan and Deerfield contain furniture that can be lofted using the furniture provided in the room.



Rooms in Clara, Morton, and Lemley Halls have furniture that cannot be lofted. Residents are not permitted to build their own lofts; however, bed risers may be used to lift the bed farther from the ground. Bed risers can be purchased online or in most stores selling home goods.

All of our beds are fitted with an extra-long, twin size mattress.

Linens can be purchased at most stores selling home goods, as well as many sites online.



CAMPUS SAFETY

All of our halls are locked 24/7 and are only accessible via resident ID card. Each first-year floor has two upperclassmen Resident Assistants (RAs) who have been trained and are ready to create your home away from home. Berry has campus safety officers available 24/7. Driving onto campus, residents must have a scannable sticker on their windshield to get through the gate. Guests go through the drive-through area off the welcome center and must show their driver's license to get on campus.



HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

It is natural to feel anxious about your college roommate, whether college is new to you or not. Upon making your deposit to Berry College, we encourage you to complete the housing application where you will also indicate roommate preferences. We use these preferences to match you with a roommate, so students are encouraged to respond honestly. We honor all mutual requests for incoming students made by May 15 but cannot do so after that date. New students receive their room assignment and roommate contact information at SOAR. Incoming transfer students are housed with other students of similar age and/or class year in school in traditional style residence halls, when available. Current and returning students participate in the room selection process each March to select their room for the next academic year.

Mail is delivered every day to the on-campus post office. When a student has mail (letters, packages, etc.), they will receive an email notification and may pick it up at the post office window with their student ID.



WHAT TO BRING

Remember, whatever you bring in August, you'll carry out in May. All items optional based on student needs.

LINENS:

- ☐ Bath & Hand towels
- ☐ Twin Sheets — extra long
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Pillowcases
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Comforter

LAUNDRY:

- ☐ Detergent
- ☐ Laundry basket/bag
- ☐ Coat hangers
- ☐ Stain Remover
- ☐ Drying rack
- ☐ Sewing kit

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- ☐ Toothbrush, toothpaste
- ☐ Brush & comb
- ☐ Shaving items
- ☐ Hair dryer
- ☐ Shampoo, Bath soap
- ☐ Shower caddy (to carry toiletries)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- ☐ First aid supplies
- ☐ Medicine
- ☐ Alarm clock
- ☐ Small trash can
- ☐ Change for snacks
- ☐ Small Personal fan

COOKING:

- ☐ Pots & pans
- ☐ Dishes
- ☐ Dishwashing supplies
- ☐ Silverware
- ☐ Storage containers

DECORATION:

- ☐ Poster, photos, artwork
- ☐ Calendar, planner
- ☐ Small area rug (most rooms are carpeted)
- ☐ Desk lamp, with compact fluorescent light bulbs

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:

- ☐ Television
- ☐ DVD player
- ☐ Stereo, radio, headphones
- ☐ Small refrigerator (4.2 cubic feet and under)
- ☐ Small microwave (1000 watts or less)
- ☐ Small vacuum
- ☐ Computer (Wired & Wireless access available)
- ☐ Printer
- ☐ Surge protectors



WHAT NOT TO BRING

While the Office of Residence Life reserves the right to make determinations about the appropriateness of items within the residential community, in general, students are prohibited from possessing or using the following items in the residence halls or on the Berry College campus unless otherwise authorized:

-  · Candles, candle warmers, or incense
-  · Cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or any other tobacco products
-  · Empty and/or displayed alcohol-related containers
-  · Dangerous and/or other flammable chemicals
-  · Hookahs, E-cigarettes, vapors
-  · Household items that include but are not limited to: Halogen lamps, sun lamps, space heaters (including Pelonis fan type units), hot plates, clothes washers and dryers, external antennas, and water beds
-  · Kitchen appliances/items. This includes, but is not limited to: Toasters and toaster ovens (note: these items are permitted in residence hall rooms that are equipped with full kitchens), electric skillets, George Foreman-style grilling machines, portable stove burners, non-thermostat controlled coffee makers, open heating element appliances, gas or charcoal grills, and refrigerators larger than 4.5 cubic feet
-  · Non-U.L. approved power-strip extension cords
- · Pets (other than fish in a 20 gallon or smaller aquarium).
- · Stolen property (e.g. traffic signs, construction lights, traffic lights and other items)
- · Weapons. This includes, but is not limited to: Firearms, switchblade knives or knives (blades longer than three inches), martial arts weapons, bows and arrows, crossbows, pellet guns, paintball guns, electronic shocking devices, including tasers, clubs or life-like replica weapons.

FAQs?

May I see my room before moving in?

Unfortunately, no. Residence hall rooms are not available to be seen before move-in in August. Many of our halls are used either for summer school or camps and conference groups during the summer months. After these groups leave, our housekeeping staff needs time to prepare the halls for your arrival.

When can I move in?

The official move-in date for first-year students is the Wednesday before classes begin in August. Transfer students will move in on either Wednesday or Friday, depending on their BCC class schedule. They will be communicated with directly to determine their arrival date. Returning students may move in on the Saturday before classes begin.

Are laundry facilities provided?

Washers and dryers are provided in each residence area. Laundry is included in student fees and do not require any quarters for operation.

Does my room have curtains or blinds?

All residence hall buildings have window blinds.

FAQs?

Do I need to move out during breaks?

Residence hall facilities are not open during winter break (the break between fall and spring semesters). Residents may leave their personal belongings in the rooms during these breaks. Residence Halls are open during fall and spring breaks.

When will I find out my room assignment and roommate?

New students will be notified of their room assignment and given contact information for their roommate(s) at SOAR.

How can I find out more information or ask specific questions?

First, see if you can find the answers to your questions in the Housing Contract or the Viking Code as many questions can be answered through these resources. If you cannot find the information you seek, please email us with your questions at residencelife@berry.edu.

Can I hang pictures, posters, etc. on the wall?

Yes. We recommend using products that will not leave a residue. These include 3M pull tab strips or painters tape. Putting holes in the wall is not allowed and could result in damage charges.

FAQs?

What type of security exists in the residence halls?

Security begins at the Welcome Center, where non-Berry decal holders are all screened. All our residence halls are on a card access system that works with the student's ID card. All Residential Halls are locked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Can I bring my pet?

Fish are the only pets allowed. Aquariums are limited to 20 gallons and must be well maintained. During Thanksgiving and winter breaks all electrical appliances (including aquarium equipment) must be disconnected.

**Please note that the policy pertains to the animal (fish) and not to the habitat/living environment in which they live (aquariums). Turtles, crabs, snakes, lizards, etc. are not fish and are therefore not permitted.*

How do I get into campus? Do I need to put my name on a list at the front gate?

Campus visitors have their driver's license scanned at the front gate, but you do not need to have your name on a list.

Visitation hours



Sunday - Thursday
10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

CAMPUS AMENITIES

- Two coffee shops: the Bean'ry in Krannert Student Center serving Starbucks and the other in Memorial Library serving Java City
- Game rooms in several buildings
- Art gallery
- History museum
- Dining hall with outdoor seating
- Three campus chapels
- Post office
- Library
- Kayaks and stand up paddle boards available
- On-campus camping
- Rome Tennis Center at Berry College — the country's largest single-surface, 60 hard court tennis facility



Aside from the dining hall, students can grab a bite to eat from Viking Court, which includes Pod Market, Subway and Chick-fil-A.

- 131,000 square-foot athletic facility with natatorium, track, fitness center, racquetball and basketball courts
- Ropes course
- Outdoor basketball, volleyball and pickleball courts
- Disc Golf course
- Outdoor fire places
- Hammocks stands
- Trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding





IMPORTANT DATES

August 20, 2025

First-Year Student Move-In Day

August 23-24, 2025

Returning Student Move-In Days

December 12, 2025

Halls Close at 6 p.m. for Winter Break

January 11, 2026

Halls Open at 8 a.m. for Spring Semester

May 6, 2026

Halls close at 6 p.m. for students not involved in Commencement

May 9, 2026

Halls close at 1 p.m. for students involved in Commencement and at 6 p.m. for graduating seniors





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