



## **OUR NWC PACKING GUIDE:** **WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING**

This is it. There are only a few more weeks left before you embark on your journey to a new and foreign place. Sometimes, one of the hardest things to do is to remember to pack everything and to make sure that nothing of importance and value gets left behind. The following list is to help you pack and for you to think about things that may be useful at Northwest College. Keep in mind though; a lot of these items, such as clothes and electronics, can be purchased around the Powell area.

**Important documents-** These are the most essential documents to bring and to have with you. It would be best to obtain English translations of these documents and have them certified by a U.S. educational advising center or a U.S. Consulate or Embassy before traveling to the United States. Another good idea is to make copies of each document and keep the copies separate from the official document in case they get lost or stolen.

- Valid passport
- Birth certificate (if your country issues them)
- Valid visa
- I-20
- International driver's license (if you have one)
- Both medical and dental records including your certificates of immunizations and vaccinations.
- Any information you have about medical conditions and/or treatments that we need to be aware of.
- Any prescriptions for any medication and/or eyeglasses or contacts.

**Clothes-** Clothes can always be bought as needed around the Powell area. At one point in your college career you may also need professional attire for certain presentations and/or meetings.

- Remember, Powell has all four seasons. Make sure that you pack light as well as warm clothes for very warm and very cold weather. If you don't have winter jackets, sweaters, scarves, hats, or gloves, you can get them when you are here.
- Solid shoes are always good to have, especially if you like to hike.

**Electronics-** Electronics can be bought around the Powell area as well. There are multiple computer labs around campus with access to Skype and Facebook.

- Computer laptop & charger
- Electronic adapter (depending what country you are coming from)
- Digital and/or video camera

**Personal Items-** These are the special memories you bring from home.

- Photos of your family, home, city, and country
- Books and music in your language
- Flags and/or other display items to decorate your room with

**Cultural Artifacts-** These are the things that you will most likely not find anywhere around here. Every year, NWC holds the Multicultural Showcase. Throughout that day, students wear their traditional clothes, put on various performances, set up displays about their countries and cultures, and cook a traditional dish from their home. Furthermore, during their stay here in Powell, students are always encouraged to share their culture with other students, the college, and the community. This next set of items is always good to have so that you don't need to purchase them over the internet or ask your family or friends to send them to you at the last minute.

- Traditional clothes from your country
- Spices, food, or other ingredients you may need to prepare traditional dishes from home
- Arts, crafts, and other artifacts that may be used for displays, auctions, or other cultural events
- Movies, presentations, catalogues, and brochures about your country that can be used for sharing with other students, your friendship family, the campus, and the surrounding community.
- Bedding (some students have expressed the fact that they miss their bedding from home. Keep in mind however, that bedding takes up a lot of space in your suitcase. More so, bedding is readily available here in Powell and Cody).

Again, we are so happy that you have chosen Northwest College and we can't wait to welcome you to our campus. We want for you to have a wonderful experience while you are staying here in Powell. Remember, this packing list is to help you. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of us at any time.

