

# MOVE-IN GUIDE

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**Fall 2026**



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# Welcome Home Patriots!

Welcome to life on campus! The team at George Mason Housing and Residence Life is excited to have you here, whether you're moving in for the first time or returning for another year.

Our goal is to create a **welcoming and supportive community** where you can **grow & connect** with others, and **succeed** during your time at Mason and beyond.

Take a few minutes to read through this guide so you know what to expect. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at [housing@gmu.edu](mailto:housing@gmu.edu) or visit the FAQs page on our website for more information.

# Move-in Timelines

## AUGUST 16

### Early Arrival For Approved Students

- No check-in required
- Swipe your Mason ID to access your room

## August 19-20

### New Student Move-In

- Check-In Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Location: Angel Cabrera Global Center
- Scan the QR code below for more info.

## August 21-23

### Upper-Level Student Move-In

- No check-in needed
- Go straight to your building
- Use your Mason ID to access your room

**Your ID Is Your  
Room Key**  
Make sure to have  
your **Mason ID** ready  
to use.

# Move-in Tips

## Arriving on Campus



- Be on time for your assigned move-in/check-in window
- Check-in times are important—plan ahead to avoid delays
- Late check-in (after 3:00 PM) is only allowed for:
  - International students
  - Students with travel delays of more than 4 hours

## During Move-In

- Follow the signs around the residence halls for directions
- Housing staff will be stationed throughout residential areas to help

## Weather & Updates



- Move-in weather is usually very hot
- Dress comfortably
- Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated
- In case of bad weather, check for updates through your Mason email and Housing social media pages

## Check-In at ACGC (New Students Only on August 19-20)



- Only students are allowed inside the check-in area
- Parents, families, and guests must wait in the ACGC lobby
- Restrooms are available in the lobby while waiting

# SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURES



It is expected that all residential students will act in the best interests of the community during this time. Please review the **Residential Student Handbook** for the complete list of policies and procedures.

## Compliance

- You must follow all directions from Housing & Residence Life staff
- Instructions may be given verbally or in writing
- This applies to both professional staff and student staff

## Complicity

- If a policy violation is happening:
  - Remove yourself from the situation
  - Report it to Housing & Residence Life immediately

## Relocation or Removal

- In some situations, students may be required to relocate rooms quickly or leave housing entirely



- **This may happen if:**

- There is a policy violation
- The safety of the community is at risk
- Normal housing operations are disrupted

## Communication

- All official Housing communication will be sent to your Mason email
- Messages are also available in your housing portal

## Students are expected to:

- Check your emails regularly
- Make sure emails come from [housing@gmu.edu](mailto:housing@gmu.edu) go to your inbox (not spam)

## Quick Reminders

- Arrive on time
- Stay hydrated and dress for hot weather
- Follow directions from the housing staff
- Check your email for updates
- Ask for help if you need it



# Move-in Pre-Requisites

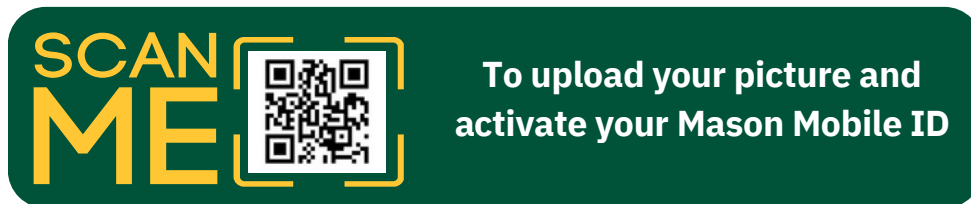
To make your move-in smooth and stress-free, complete these steps before arriving on campus:

## 1) Complete Your Medical Health History

- Go to [shs.gmu.edu](https://shs.gmu.edu) → “Patient Portal” → Forms section
- Check there for a completion date if you’re unsure if it’s done
- **Important:** Not completing this may place a hold on your account, affecting class registration and housing

## 2) Upload Your ID Photo & Activate Your Mason ID

- If you’re new or don’t have a Mason ID, visit [masonid.gmu.edu](https://masonid.gmu.edu) to upload your photo and set it up
- Students must have a Mason ID with them at check in



## 3) Check Your Move-In Schedule

Review your assigned move-in day and time.

- First-year students: assigned by building (and sometimes floor)
- Upper-class students: Self Check-In Process

***That’s it ! Get these done early so move-in day is easy and stress-free.***



# Move-In Help: Meet the MoveCrew

**MoveCrew** is a team of student volunteers. They move in early so they can help welcome and assist new students. They will help carry your belongings and make your move-in smoother. Use of the MoveCrew is optional.

**We know move-in day can feel busy and stressful, especially when trying to get everything done on time. That's why we have extra help available for you!**



## **Additional Move-in Support**

- A professional moving team will also be available to help. This service is completely free for students and is optional

## **Moving Equipment (Green Bins)**

- Green moving bins will be available near your residence hall; use them to move your belongings more easily

## **Important:**

- There may be wait times for bins or movers
- It's a good idea to bring your own dollies or hand trucks just in case

## **When is Help Available?**

- MoveCrew and moving assistance are available only during the new student move-in (August 19–20)

## **Before you arrive, make sure to label all your items with:**

- Your full name
- Your room number
  - This helps get your belongings to your assigned room



# Check-in Process for Incoming Freshmen

## 1) Arriving on Campus

- **Bring your government-issued ID or Mason ID to check in**
- Enter via Mason Pond Drive, continue to Patriot Circle, and park in **Lot J or Lot K** for check-in
- Handicapped residents are able to enter ACGC through the parking garage elevator.

## 2) Check-In & Unloading

- After check-in, go to your assigned unloading zone, unload your items, then move your car to long-term parking in **Lot K** Do not leave cars unattended in unloading areas
- Vehicles may be ticketed or towed
- Shuttles will be available to take you back to your residence hall



### 3) Unloading Locations by Area

- Presidents Park: **Presidents Park Road** or **Lot R**
- Taylor, Liberty Square, Potomac Heights: **Lot R**
- University Commons, Commonwealth, Dominion, Hampton Roads, Eastern Shore, Northern Neck, Blue Ridge, Sandbridge, Piedmont, Tidewater: **Rappahannock Deck** (bottom level)
- Whitetop/Rogers: **Lot I**
- Townhouses: **Parking lot in front of Townhouses**
- Oversized vehicles: Unload in front of **Merten Hall** (or use **Lot R** if needed)

## Bonus! Free Meals!

Enjoy **free lunch** at **Ike's, Southside** or **The Globe** dining halls on **August 19–23** from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



# Check-in Process for Upper-Level Students

## 1) Choose Your Move-In Date (Process Opens Aug 3–17)



- Select your move-in day in the Housing Portal.
- Your Mason ID will automatically activate for your selected date
- Once you have completed self check-in, head straight to your residence hall—no additional check-in needed.

## 2) If You Don't Self Check-In



- Go to the Liberty Square Desk or Piedmont Desk
- Bring your Mason ID or government-issued ID to check in

## 3) Parking & Transportation



- Park in **Lots J or K** for long-term parking
- Shuttles will help you get back to your residence hall

## 4) Moving Carts (Green Bins) Available at:

- Rappahannock Deck
- Angel Cabrera Global Center
- Liberty Square / Potomac Heights (Lot R)
- Whitetop / Rogers
- After August 23, bins can be rented at the Liberty Square and Piedmont Desks



# The Move-in Packing List



- Pack only what you need & what will comfortably fit in your room (scan the suggested QR code for a suggested packing list)
- Coordinate with your roommate ahead of time to decide who will bring shared items like a mini-fridge or microwave
- It is also a good idea to bring basic cleaning and safety supplies for your room



# What Not to Bring

- Candles, incense, and oil lamps
- Plug-in air fresheners
- Cinder blocks
- Appliances with exposed heating elements, like toasters or coffee makers with hot plates
- Resident-owned air conditioners
- Cut trees or dead plants
- Pets, except fish
- Halogen lamps, black lights, and spider lamps
- Antennas
- Projectiles or projectile devices
- Waterbeds
- Wall-mounted TVs
- Weapons
- Non-approved furniture, curtains, or loft equipment
- Extension cords, multi-plug adapters, and unsafe power strips

## Fireproofing:

- Students can have needed items fireproofed near their residence hall on move-in day

## Bed Raising:

- Teams will be available to help raise or lower beds during move-in

# PRE MOVE-IN FAQs

## **Will there be an early arrival period for students who need to work or volunteer with MoveCrew?**

Students who applied and were approved for early arrival will receive additional move-in details through their **Mason email**.

## **Will transportation be available on campus?**

Check **shuttle.gmu.edu** for campus and regional transportation information. Move-in shuttles will run from **9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**, with the last pick-up at **3:15 p.m.**

***International students arriving close to 3:00 p.m. on August 19–20 should check in at Liberty Square or Piedmont.***



## **Will meals be available when I check into the residence halls?**

Free lunch for students and families will be available at Southside and Ike's from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. August 19–20

***Meal plans begin the afternoon of August 19***

## **Will there be assistance for fireproofing curtains/tapestries and raising beds?**

Yes. Staff will be available during check-in to help adjust bed heights and fireproof curtains

## **Is there a limit on the number of guests a student can have at move-in?**

No, but students should keep in mind that residence hall rooms are small and should limit guests as needed



# POST MOVE-IN FAQs



## How do I log into my Mason email?

After setting up your Mason email, access it by going to [mail.gmu.edu](mailto:mail.gmu.edu) and selecting Student Email, or sign in directly at [outlook.office365.com](https://outlook.office365.com) using your full Mason email (**NetID@gmu.edu**) and Mason email password.

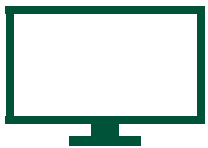
***Note: Your Mason email password is different from your Patriot Pass password.***

## How do I use the laundry machines?



Laundry facilities are available in or near all residence halls and are included in your housing fees. Residence hall students can use the “**Speed Queen**” mobile app to start washers and dryers. Download the app from the App Store or **Google Play** and follow the setup instructions sent to your email. Townhouse residents have an in-unit washer and dryer.

## How do I watch TV?



Stream2 is a free streaming service. Watch live TV, shows, and sports on multiple devices, and record up to 20 hours with DVR. Download the Stream2 app from the Apple App Store or Google Play, or watch online at [webplayer.mystream2.com](https://webplayer.mystream2.com). This includes the Campus Life Channel, featuring student and faculty content & campus updates.

***Download it via [mycampusvideo.com/support](https://mycampusvideo.com/support)***



### **How do I connect to the internet?**

For wireless access, on mobile download the Apogee app and register. For PC and Mac, connect to **“MyResNet Start Here”** from your available wireless networks. Open a browser. Check out the poster with QR code at move-in, or visit [housing.gmu.edu](http://housing.gmu.edu) for assistance. For additional assistance, contact **Boldyn Support 24/7 at 844-459-7405 or text “ResNet” to 84700**

### **Are there student desks available in the Residence Halls?**

Housing maintains **two help desks**, one in Piedmont/Tidewater and one in Liberty Square.

Liberty Square Hall, **703-993-2750**

Piedmont Hall, **703-993-9880**

**If you have questions and/or concerns, contact your Resident Assistant (RA) for assistance.**

**Your RA can be found on the Mason 360 App**

**We are excited  
to welcome you  
to your new home!**





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**Boldyn WiFi Device Setup**



**Speed Queen App**



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