MIT Summer Residents 2011
Move and Storage Options

1. No-cost moving program:

The MIT Housing Office is pleased to offer students who accept a summer housing assignment free assistance moving their belongings. The guidelines and policies for the student dorm shuttle move program are:

Eligibility
Offered only to undergraduate spring residents who have been accepted to Summer Housing and who currently live on campus. The “move out” and shuttle service for these residents will occur on May 26 and 27. All residential buildings will have an assigned pickup date. Check the Housing website for specifics two weeks prior to the move-out days.

Packing materials
The Housing Office has arranged for Metropolitan Storage to offer students a set of packing materials. The set, which cost $11, is available at Metropolitan on Vassar Street and includes the following:

- 1 book box (1.5 cubic feet)
- 2 medium boxes (3.0 cubic feet)
- 2 large boxes (4.5 cubic feet)
- 1 roll of tape

Dorm shuttle move program
On the designated move-in and move-out days, Housing will provide a free shuttle service to assist students with moving their belongings. Residents are required to bring their items to a staging area of your spring residence by 8:00am and pick up the same items from the staging area of their summer residence by 3:30pm. See House Manager for staging areas.

Each student may move items packed in the box set listed above or give boxes no larger than 4.5 cubic feet each. Note that small refrigerators could count as a “box.” Furniture or rugs will be not moved by the shuttle; residents must move these items themselves.

All items to be moved will be labeled by the residents, with their name and destination dormitory.

Signing up for moving assistance
Students who wish to participate in the free dorm shuttle move program should sign up via the Metropolitan Storage website: www.metstorage.com.
2. Low-cost summer storage:

The MIT Housing Office has also negotiated a discounted summer storage package with Metropolitan Storage.

Housing is allowing Metropolitan Storage of Cambridge Massachusetts to provide this storage plan as an option for our students to consider. Our students are encouraged to investigate this and any other storage options available. Please refer to the Metropolitan web site for all questions and concerns. MIT is not responsible for any contract a student signs for storage offsite, with Metropolitan or any other provider.

Eligibility

Any MIT student who currently lives on campus qualifies to use this service.

Basic storage with pick-up and drop-off

Metropolitan/Road Warrior Moving will provide pickup and delivery service from and to your room assignment at MIT. The package costs $315 and includes:

- Pick up from your room in May, and drop off at your fall assignment in August
- Storage of up to 10 pieces/items at Metropolitan, including such typical belongings as boxes, microwave ovens, dorm-size refrigerators, desk chairs, area rugs, bicycles, snowboards, suitcases, and so forth.
- Insurance: $1,000 of valuation subject to a $100 deductible; additional coverage may be purchased for $2 per $100 of additional valuation.

Restrictions or extra charges

- The resident or a designated proxy needs to be present during the move and delivery of goods to provide a signature and to verify the inventory
- Payment must be made with MasterCard or VISA at the time of pickup
- An additional $40 charge for overweight boxed items and/or each large furniture item, such as couches, loveseats, futons, mattresses, bedsprings, and oversized chairs
- An additional $40 charge to disassemble or reassemble any item
- An additional $40 charge for each additional item over the limit of 10 items included in the basic package

Residents will have no access during the summer to retrieve items, since the goods will not be stored in a private room.

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3. Self-storage with Metropolitan:

It may be more affordable for a small group of students to make independent arrangements with Metropolitan Storage. Metropolitan is also offering discounted rates for summer storage to students who wish to make independent arrangements to store their belongings.

For example, a 5x7 foot unit with either a 10- or 12-foot ceiling may be rented at a discounted rage of $200 for the summer (from May 12 – September 7). Insurance is available; please check with Metropolitan for pricing.

Two or more residents could split such a unit and save money overall. Note, however, that students choosing this option must make their own arrangements, such as a taxi, borrowed vehicle, or rental, to move their belongings from the dorms to the warehouse.
4. Guide to Packing

The key to packing your dorm room is to remember that FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION.

- Heavy, dense items such as paper, records, and plutonium should be packed in small boxes. In the moving industry, these containers are known as book boxes and their dimensions are 18”x12”x12”.
- Lighter or bulkier items such as dishes, pots, pans, kitchen appliances, lava lamps, and clothing can be packed in larger boxes. These boxes are known as linen or large linen boxes their dimensions are 18”x18”x18” and 18”x18”x24” respectively.
- Everything needs to be packed! Pictures, posters, mirrors, and so forth all need to be packed. Special boxes are available for these items.
- When packing fragile items, such as dishes and glasses, it is always a good idea to place crumpled wrapping paper or a towel as a cushion at the bottom of the packing box. Then, wrap each item in wrapping paper and placing it vertically in the box. If you have a microwave, remember to remove the carousel dish and treat it as a fragile. Any open pocket of space should be filled with balled up paper to eliminate any play on the box.
- Make sure that both top and bottom of the box is taped twice.

If you have done all of that, you are good to go.

More information

For more information, visit [housing.mit.edu](http://housing.mit.edu).

To contact the Housing Office, send an email to [residence@mit.edu](mailto:residence@mit.edu).