10 hacks and tips to make move-in a breeze

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1. Read the Guide
This handy Move-In Day Guide prepared by the Housing and Residential Life staff has important information about what to do before you arrive on campus, and tips on how to pack to ensure a smooth experience on Move-In Day.

2. Pack Smart
On Move-In Day, how you pack is just as important as what you pack. Think about how you're going to get all of your belongings from the curb to your door and what makes the most sense for you. There will be lots of volunteers and helpers on campus, but the more compact you are able to travel, the easier your move-in experience will be.

3. Be Prepared for the Heat
It’s August in New Orleans, so it’s going to be hot and humid. Wear comfortable, lightweight, breathable clothes and a good pair of supportive shoes and bring a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated.
4. Ask for Directions
As President Fitts notes, there will be plenty of volunteers on campus to help you unload, get on your way and direct you if you get lost. It takes time to get used to where things are on campus, so don’t be embarrassed to ask for help.

5. Set Yourself up for Success
From your first day to your last, a positive outlook will go a long way to make your time at Tulane successful. Prioritize what tasks need to be accomplished first to make your space comfortable and ready for your first night on campus.

6. Think Green
The annual Tulane Trash to Treasure sale is a great way to reduce waste by giving items a new home, and reduce how much you are packing and moving. Expect to find clothes, housewares and home goods at 70-90% off store prices. This year’s sale will be Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 9 a.m.

7. Order Online
Shopping online is a great way to reduce the stress of packing and getting everything moved in at the same time. Take your time and use all the resources available to you on campus.

8. Pack the Essentials
A cup of coffee and a good book are a great start to any day. Set yourself up for success and make sure you have what you need to start on the right foot.

9. Stay Positive
Move-In Day is a big deal for you, your family and your new roommate. Don’t miss the opportunity to forge new friendships along the way!

10. Enjoy the Moment
Take selfie breaks, sweat, laugh, cry, hug it out and above all enjoy the moment! It may be sad to say goodbye to your parents, but we’re happy to say hello and welcome you as part of our Tulane family.