You are encouraged to personalize your room in ways that satisfy you and your roommate and comply with maintenance and safety standards. It is usually best to wait until you arrive before buying all the things you may want to use. Ideas about room designs and sources of materials, posters, etc. are easy to get from other residents and local stores. As you envision how you want your new space to be, here are some things to keep in mind:

What's Furnished?

Every student room has a central room light, blinds/curtains on the window and a wastebasket. Additionally, each resident has a wood loft with a mattress and mattress cover, a desk and chair, hanging closet space, dresser drawers and a recycling container.

Cable TV
Every student room has a cable connection. Mediacom cable services include basic and expanded channel selections. Once on campus, residents may purchase additional digital programming by contacting Mediacom directly.

Lofts
All residence halls come equipped with wood lofts (85"d x 39.625"w x 74"h). No outside lofts are permitted.

Mattresses
UNI mattresses are 36" wide and either 78" or 80" long. Standard twin fitted sheets may fit and sheets designed for deep single mattresses may not fit. Extra long bed linens are available in most stores carrying a full line of household linen and from our showroom sponsors, Residence Hall Linens (www.rhl.org/uni).

Room Decorations
Look for products that do not pull off paint or damage surfaces. When you check out at the end of the year, you will be assessed charges for any damages caused by such things as use of tape, screws or tacks on or in the walls, furniture or fixtures. Do not use carpet tape to install carpet because it may break up the floor tile when removed.

Room Modifications

Floor Levels
The construction of second floors or other floor levels in the room is not permitted. Second floors/levels introduce too much combustible material and create high evacuation risks.

Electrical
No modification of room switches, lights and electrical outlets is allowed, including the installation of dimmer switches, ceiling fans, etc.

Paneling
Paneling or other solid wall covering material is not permitted. Do not use easily combustible material to decorate your room. You are financially responsible for the condition of the room when you check out. It should be back to the same condition as when you checked in.

The University of Northern Iowa assumes no responsibility for room additions you may make. Responsibility for design safety and protection of university property rests with the student.

Smooth Move

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