

# SCAD Family Facebook Threads — Dorm Room Setup, Storage & Essentials

*Pulled together and summarized from saved group threads (Rounds 1 & 2 combined)*

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*Most detail below is Hive-specific, since that's Abi's building — noted where other dorms differ. Combines info from both rounds of saved threads.*

### Shower Curtain & Rod

- Hive rod is permanent/built-in — you do NOT need to bring a rod, just a curtain + liner + shower hooks.
- Recommended minimum curtain size: 75" tall x 46" wide.
- You do need to supply the shower curtain yourself — it is not provided.

### Window Coverings (blinds are sheer roller shades)

- Most popular fix: tension rod + blackout curtain, hung behind the roller shade.
- Alternative: Command-strip curtain-rod hooks — work well, but remove very carefully at move-out to avoid paint damage.
- Hive window is roughly 47" wide. On curtain length: 70" was too short (didn't reach the sill); 84" is recommended.
- Low-effort option: a sleep mask instead of covering the window at all.

### Windows & Air Quality

- Reports are mixed/building-specific: some Hive rooms have windows that open, others (per a tour) were told the windows do NOT open.
- If windows don't open, consider a room air purifier as a precaution — recommended regardless, given close quarters with roommates.
- Window shades were described as very thin/see-through at night — blackout drapes recommended for privacy as well as light-blocking (matches the tension-rod tip above).

### Safety Detectors

- A parent asked about carbon monoxide detectors in Hive rooms (Everest specifically) — no confirmed answer on whether they're built in.
- Open flames (and anything that could cause one) are not allowed in the dorms; some parents send a small apartment-style fire extinguisher as a precaution regardless.
- If buying a CO detector, one parent found deals on a site called "Daily Steals" — no specific model confirmed as best.

### Under-Bed Storage

- Clearance under the bed at the Hive is about 1'10" (22").
- Bed risers are prohibited at the Hive.
- Popular storage picks: clear wheeled storage bins/totes, 18-gallon totes (4 totes + a suitcase can fit), black-and-yellow totes from Lowe's, stackable plastic drawer units.

## Over-Microfridge / Bathroom Storage

- Little to no room for an over-toilet unit in Hive suite bathrooms — a large shelf elsewhere in the room works better.
- Alternatives: cube storage shelving, wire shelving units, or a closet shelf from Lowe's cut to ~55".

## Closet Dimensions & Organization

- Top-of-wardrobe storage space measured by one parent: 36" H x 24" D x 41" L — useful for sizing bins/boxes for that space.
- Hive closets include a hanging rod plus a small built-in drawer unit (standard single-rod closet with drawers, not double-rod).
- For extra shelving inside the closet (if you want more shelf than hanging space), a tiered hanging closet organizer (basket-style, 4-tier) was recommended and worked well.
- Turner closets differ from Hive — shelved alcove-style with baskets rather than a rod-and-drawer wardrobe, so don't assume Hive closet products will fit a Turner room.

## Vacuum & Cleaning

- The Hive does not provide vacuums for student use — buy one if you're bringing a rug.
- A cheap stick vacuum (~\$30–50, Target/Amazon) is the most common choice.
- Also bring: a broom/dustpan or Swiffer as a low-cost alternative if no rug.

## Furniture Notes

- Nightstand: included at the Hive. At Turner, a 3–4 drawer dresser doubles as a nightstand (can slide under a raised bed).
- Desk chair: one is provided (hard plastic, no padding) — not required to bring your own. A \$10 seat cushion is a popular low-cost upgrade; some families buy a ~\$100 chair for comfort.
- Desk hutch sizing: Hive desks are 39" wide — a 36"-wide hutch fits well. This is Hive-specific — the same hutch did NOT fit the desk at Sail @ Victory Village, so confirm your student's building before ordering.
- Bringing your own desk chair: allowed, but you can't remove the provided chair from the room — it has to stay somewhere in the space (common/living area or under the bed if there's room). Unresolved question from the group: whether the provided chairs stack if multiple roommates bring their own.

## Kitchen Access

- No full kitchen at the Hive — only a microwave/fridge combo ("microfridge") is allowed, no other appliances.
- A small community kitchen exists a few blocks away in Boundary Village.
- Microfridge units are reserved separately, either through mymicrofridge.com or the mySCAD housing portal — roughly \$300 for the year.

## General Packing / Essentials Checklist (consolidated from many threads)

- Cleaning: toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, Lysol wipes, Swiffer, plunger/brush combo, trash bags (plus large contractor bags for move-in packaging waste).
- Bathroom: shower curtain + liner + hooks, bath mat(s), shower shoes/slippers.
- Bedroom: mattress pad, bedding, desk lamp + nightstand lamp, whiteboard/weekly planner, first-aid kit, small personal safe or lock box, small tool kit (hammer, screwdriver, scissors, box cutter), school-approved extension cord.

- Storage helpers: lingerie/garment bags (handy for keeping socks paired), collapsible fabric baskets, a step stool or small ottoman for reaching high storage.
- Move-in day comfort: cold drinks and tissues for the family — Savannah heat + moving stress.
- Packing tip: pack by room (all bedding together, all bathroom items together, etc.) so bags can go straight to where they belong.
- Wall décor: SCAD's stated preference is thumbtacks, not Command strips (strips can pull paint and may incur a charge) — though several families report using Command strips for years with zero issues. Mixed reports; thumbtacks are the official safer bet.
- Extras some families found worthwhile: roach spray, anti-spiking drink-cup covers, a couch or ottoman cover for shared common-area furniture.