

## How to Get Organized for Back to School: College

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For many parents, back to school means saying goodbye as you send your child off to college. While this can be a scary experience for parents, Olescia Hanson, spokesperson for The Container Store, has some tips on how to transition your child from home to dorm life that will put you at ease.

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When it comes to getting ready for college dorm life, Hanson says there are a set of six basic rules – all of which are designed to help your child maximize what little space they have.

1. Hanson says you should add an extra shelf in your closet for storage as well as add a rod doubler so you can hang up twice as many clothes.
2. She also says to make the most of the wall and door space by using adhesive hooks for items like such as towels, among other things.
3. Even though the dorm room will have a desk and chair, Hanson suggests they bring their own as most of their time will be spent there.
4. Hanson says a portable hamper that can be folded and put away is key as they will most likely have to lug their laundry down several stairs or all the way across campus.
5. Toiletries should be portable and in a shower caddy that has drain holes as they will be sharing a bathroom.
6. Last, Hanson says to have storage items that blend into their room. This means get a stylish ottoman that no one know is storing all of their winter clothes, or any other storage items that are useful and will fit in with their room decor.

With these tips, you can rest assured that your child will have a great, well-organized room – at least until you leave.