

Alpha Sigma Phi 2026 Move-In FAQ's

NOTE: Answers to many questions you may have can be found in the Student Handbook. A copy of the Handbook can be downloaded from this web site.

What are the move-in dates for August 2026?

Most residents will move in on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, August 19, 20, or 21. A handful of officers will be coming in one day ahead in order to meet and make plans for helping chapter members enjoy a smooth move-in process.

Can I just show up and move in?

NO! Residents must schedule their move-in day and time in advance. Move-in scheduling is done here on our web site, www.720east3rd.org. Before allowing you to schedule your move-in day/time, the system will require you to fill out and submit your Emergency Contact Form.

Can I have packages sent to me at the house for move-in?

Yes, but make sure any packages will NOT arrive before August 19. We don't have staff available on-site to find and secure packages delivered to the house before then. The mailing/shipping address for the house is:

YOUR NAME / Alpha Sigma Phi
720 East Third Street
Bloomington, IN 47406-1202

Do I need to bring a mattress for my bed?

NO. The Alpha Sig organization is purchasing mattresses for everyone this fall. They are providing standard twin mattresses for all of the beds. You are responsible for providing STANDARD TWIN linens for your bed. There was an error about bunk sizes in the Handbook version that was handed out to a lot of mothers this spring. That error has been corrected in the Handbook that can be downloaded from these pages.

Should I get with my roommates before move-in and decide what furnishings and electronics each of us might want to bring?

Yes! The rooms upstairs can quickly become cramped with too much furniture. There is not an infinite amount of electricity available to each room. Room circuits carry a limited number of amps. If that amount is exceeded, the circuit will shut off and your room will lose power. Microwave ovens and hot plates are not allowed. Window sill air conditioners are not allowed.

Is it OK if I want to take apart the bunk bed in my room (for any reason)

NO! Do not disassemble any bunk beds. They can be damaged/broken in the process and you will be charged to replace them. Once move-in week is over and everyone is settled in, we can discuss the possibility of moving bunks because that work has to be done by our staff and we have to charge for it.

What can I build in my room?

Almost nothing. You may NOT put nails/screws/etc. in any walls, floors or ceilings. The university prohibits the construction of bars in rooms. State and local health and safety codes prohibit structure like platforms/risers. Wall decorations can be hung in many safe ways without resorting to nails/screws.

May I store my bicycle in my room?

No. Storing bikes in your bedrooms or in hallway spaces throughout the building is a fire code violation. Bikes should be kept parked/chained outside. For those who want to keep their bike indoors, we'll need to work together this fall to identify an appropriate space that does not violate fire marshal rules.

What's the process on the day I move in?

When you first arrive at your scheduled time, chapter officers will direct you to a temporary parking space. BEFORE YOU BEGIN MOVING ANYTHING INTO THE BUILDING, you will need to come into the living room and take care of paperwork. At the move-in table we will make sure:

- we have your Emergency Contact Information
- make a photocopy of your driver's license
- have you fill out a room inspection form
- provide you with your room key, exterior door fob, and the Internet password

Once the paperwork is in order, THEN the officers will help you back your vehicle up to one of the doors and off-load your belongings. We'll have you off-load everything before taking it upstairs so that your vehicle can be moved to make room for the next person arriving.

Is there a concern about bringing large furniture?

Yes. Every year somebody brings in a large couch that simply cannot be maneuvered up the stairs and into the intended room. Some of our upstairs hallways and corners are just not furniture friendly. Be very careful about bringing large or overstuffed furnishings.

May I take a room door off its hinges in an effort to squeeze in some furniture.

No!

Do I need to purchase any kind of insurance?

That depends. Neither the fraternity nor the landlord are responsible for any losses to your personal property. Often, a student's personal property is covered by their parents' homeowner's insurance policy. It's your responsibility to determine if/how your personal property is covered in case of damage/loss.

Can I store anything of mine at the house next summer because I'll be returning in 2027?

No. The building must be cleared of all personal belongings at the end of school next May. Anything you bring this fall must be taken with you or stored somewhere off-site next summer.

Will I have a parking space behind the house this year?

This is a question for the chapter members to figure out among themselves. There will be 79 guys in the house this fall and there are 25 parking spaces.

What happens to the damage deposit I have to pay this fall?

As part of your lease agreement, residents pay an annual damage deposit. Similarly, the lease agreement between your alumni association and the landlord requires that an amount of money equal to \$1,000 per resident must be paid annually to the landlord. That money sits all

year in a segregated account. Think of it as a “pool” of money that is used to pay for damages that occur throughout the year but are not reimbursed by the people who caused them. Inevitably throughout the coming school year, things will get broken, stolen, lost, etc. All such losses are documented and shared regularly with the chapter officers. By knowing what the losses are and their costs, the chapter officers have an opportunity to go to the people responsible and have them pay for those things. If they don’t pay, those costs will be deducted from that damage deposit “pool.” At the end of the school year (usually by mid-June), the landlord will return to the Alpha Sig alumni whatever amount remains in the damage deposit “pool” and money can then be returned to students in accordance with the terms of their leases.

When does meal service begin and what are the daily meal times?

Meal service begins on the morning of the first day of classes. This year, that is Monday, August 24. Daily meal service will be:

Breakfast: Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 9:30am

Lunch: Monday thru Friday from 11:30am to 1:30pm

Dinner: Monday thru Friday from 5pm to 6pm

Saturdays and Sundays: Brunch from 11am to 3pm

Meal service resumes after each vacation period throughout the year on the day classes resume.

Who is responsible for cleaning the house?

Everybody. The landlord employs a janitorial service that is responsible for NORMAL cleaning of the building’s bathrooms and laundry room seven days a week. Our janitor also handles NORMAL cleaning of some of the common upstairs hallways and areas near the dining room. The landlord also employs an individual who comes in Monday thru Friday to tidy up the living rooms. Our kitchen staff is responsible for NORMAL cleanup of the dining room and washroom areas. Members of the chapter are responsible for keeping all common areas of the upstairs hallways, basement social areas, and outdoor areas cleared of debris. Individual chapter members are responsible for all cleaning of their own rooms upstairs. There are often social events that can leave quite a mess in their wakes. That kind of cleanup is the responsibility of the chapter members working as a team. Biohazard messes that are seen most often in the bathrooms (but can be anywhere) are the responsibility of either the person(s) responsible for the mess or the chapter at-large. If a biohazard is not cleaned up quickly, the landlord has the option of calling in specialized cleanup services and charging the chapter’s damage deposit “pool.”

May we use the first floor for house parties?

No. There is ample space outside and down in the basement for partying. The first floor living rooms and dining room are exceptionally attractive, and the envy of most other Greek houses, because we protect those areas from high wear-and-tear activities.

Does the building have WiFi?

Yes! Our house has one of the best and most robust Internet systems on campus. Everyone will receive the WiFi login password during move-in. Nearly all rooms in the building have multiple fiber optic portals. All bandwidth-intensive devices must be connected to the fiber optic ports so WiFi speeds are not compromised. No personal routers or sub-networks of any kind may be connected to the house Internet system. Residents may use our Internet only for educational and legally recreational purposes, and residents are responsible for their guests' usage. Our system is monitored and any misuse, such as the illegal downloading of copyrighted material, will result in the immediate removal and blacklisting of the offending individual's access to the system. Comcast nearly cut off our Internet service two years ago because a member of the chapter illegally downloaded a copyrighted movie.

Does the house have laundry facilities?

Yes. There are three washers and three dryers in our basement laundry room. The machines are owned and operated through a third-party lease agreement. The machine provider has the right to set prices. The machines used to be coin-operated but are now totally digital. There is a QR code on the wall in the laundry room you can use to set up a phone app account. One nice feature is that you can see which machines are in use, view time remaining on your machines, and report any problem from anywhere using your phone.