

# Make UTRGV *Home*

## Move-In Guide

Brownsville & Edinburg

**UTRGV**™ *Housing &  
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# WELCOME BACK VAQUEROS

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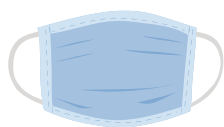
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As we prepare for the upcoming Fall Semester, please remember that our approach to successfully returning to campus is one of personal responsibility. As a Texas public institution, UTRGV cannot require you to get vaccinated against COVID-19, nor can the university require you to wear a face covering on campus. Because of these policies, UTRGV encourages all members of our campus community to make decisions that affect ourselves, our colleagues, our students, and our loved ones. This is especially important as new variants of the virus continue to emerge. Below are some proven and effective ways to mitigate your risk of contracting COVID-19:



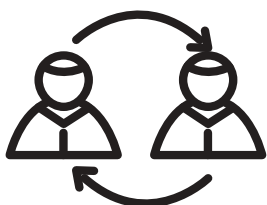
## GET VACCINATED

Access your vaccine profile to update your vaccination status or schedule a vaccine in advance. You can also simply walk into our student and/or employee health clinics in Brownsville, Edinburg or Harlingen to receive the vaccine. If you have not received your 2nd dose, this is your reminder!



## WEAR A FACE COVERING

The use of cloth face coverings is not required on campus but is strongly encouraged. Face coverings are optional inside university buildings and outdoors. For individuals who are not fully vaccinated or who have weakened immune systems, face coverings are highly recommended inside university buildings, except when alone in a private office or single-occupancy space.



## SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing is optional for fully vaccinated individuals, and highly recommended for individuals who are not fully vaccinated or who have weakened immune systems. The university will transition all space types to 100% occupancy using a phased approach for the Fall semester.

## Things to Remember

### Welcome to UTRGV! Go Vaqueros!

We hope you are as excited as we are for this new year!

Don't forget to follow our social media pages for any updates and RA events that will be happening throughout the year! Let's make it a great one!



[@utrgvhousing](https://www.instagram.com/utrgvhousing)



[UTRGV Housing and Residence Life](#)

### Make a Packing List

Review the suggested list of items to bring as well as the list of prohibited items included in this guide. Be sure to talk with your roommate and/or suitemates to decide who is bringing shared items to avoid duplicates.

### Check Your Roommate Assignment & Move In Information

Contact your roommate prior to move-in day.

You may log in to your student housing account to verify your room assignment, move-in date, and view roommate information. If you are not able to see your roommate information please email your Housing Coordinator.

### Room Charges & Payment

All charges are posted to university's centralized billing system and will be reflected on Assist available on my.utrgv.edu.

- Payments Page: [Payment Plans and Deadlines](#)
- Remember that late fees are \$50, so be sure to pay on time.
- You can pay on campus at the [Payments and Collections](#) Office located at the MAIN Tower in Brownsville and U-Central in Edinburg.

### First Year Townhall

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Edinburg-Student Union Theater; Brownsville: Plains Capital Gran Salon OR Via [Zoom](#).

Townhall is a Residence Life tradition! We are here to welcome all the new incoming residents. You will also have time to ask questions and meet our staff!

### Parking Permit

- Go to [utrgv.edu/myparking](http://utrgv.edu/myparking)
- Scroll down and click "Get Permits"
- Click "Student/Employee Log In"
- Follow the steps to order your Resident Parking Permit

### Requirements for Move-In

- Per [university guidelines](#) the use of cloth face coverings is not required on campus but is **strongly encouraged**. Face coverings are optional inside university buildings and outdoors. For individuals who are not fully vaccinated or have weakened immune systems, masking and social distancing are optional but recommended.
- Stay Safe: Get Vaccinated. The best way to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 is to get [vaccinated](#).
- It is important to arrive at your scheduled appointment time (reserved through [Eventbrite](#)) to help limit the amount of traffic on campus and provide you with a smooth experience.
- Please bring only the guests you need to help you move to keep the residence halls from being too crowded.

# Your Packing List



## What to Bring?

We encourage a minimalist approach when creating your packing list. Less is more, when packing your items. Consider that all items will be carried by you to your designated room within a time frame.



**TIP:** There are retail stores located near the university. Consider purchasing your items locally versus traveling with many items.

- **Living:** Sheets, pillow, blanket, quilt or comforter, mattress pad, towels, washcloths, sheets. Mattress size is based on the unit type you have been assigned. Desk lamp/desk organizers /no halogen bulbs. Bicycle lock (if you bring a bicycle to campus)
- **Personal Care:** Personal toiletries, Shower Caddy & Supplies, Shower Shoes, Insurance Card - Medical Information, washcloths, toilet paper, Renter's Insurance (Optional).
- **Cleaning Supplies:** Spray cleaner, trash can, trash liners, small vacuum, air freshener, hand sanitizer
- **Laundry:** High-efficiency laundry detergent, clothes hamper, hangers, iron/ironing board with auto shut-off feature
- **Food:** Snacks, reusable water bottle, coffee maker or single serve brewer, cups + mugs, dishcloths + soap, Mini Fridge/Micro-Fridge (Optional)
- **Technology:** Surge protector (No extension cords), Computers, Laptops, Tablets.

NOTE ONLY ADD ESSENTIALS TO LIST

## Things to Remember:

- Renters insurance (highly recommended)
- For Move-In day we encourage you to bring a dolly, bungee cords, plastic or tarp (in case of rain) to speed up the check-in process.

## Do Not Bring:

- No animals: Other than fish in a maximum 10-gallon tank
- No open coil heating or cooking devices:
- This includes but not limited to, induction cooking tops, air fryers, or Foreman Grills
- No candles or incense
- No guns, fireworks, paintball markers, cross bows, bows and arrows, water guns or "look alike" gadgets allowed
- No wireless routers
- Avoid large amounts of cash
- No extension cords or multi-plug adapters without surge protectors
- No hoverboards

# WHAT TO DO ON MOVE-IN DAY?



## Step One • MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

- Move-In will be by appointment ONLY:
  - 9AM-3PM, Thursday, August 19, 2021-New Residents
  - 9AM-3PM -Saturday, August 21, 2021-All Residents
- NEW STUDENTS: A Housing Coordinator should have made contact with you via email or phone call. If you have yet to make an appointment please reach out to our main office at 956-665-3439 Edinburg & 956-882-7191Brownsville.



## Step Two • ARRIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY:

**Brownsville:** Residents who arrive to Brownsville, Texas should exit off 77/83 South onto University Blvd. There will be signs to guide residents.

**Edinburg:** Sugar Road Annex is located on Schunior and Sugar Rd. The Annex is located next to Unity Hall and across from Heritage Hall.



## Step Three • DRIVE UP TO CHECK IN TENT STATION (DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR)

**EDINBURG:** Residents will check in to their residence hall room/apartment by reporting to Edinburg Sugar Rd. Annex at 317 N. Sugar Rd. Edinburg, Texas 78541. You will meet with a staff member through your car window and confirm your room assignment, receive keys, and review room condition report (RCR). Please be prepared with your V1 Card or valid ID. Follow signs and instructions from staff members.

**BROWNSVILLE:** Residents will check in to their residence hall room/apartment by reporting to Casa Bella located at 2651 FJRM Ave., Brownsville, Texas 78520. You will meet with a staff member through your car window and confirm your room assignment, receive keys, and review room condition paperwork (RCR). Please be prepared the check-in process with your V1 Card or valid ID. Follow signs and instructions from staff members.



## Step Four • PARK:

When arriving you will be directed toward your assigned building, make sure you know what room you will be living in. Parking will be available near your building. Do not remove your items from your vehicle until you have checked in first at your designated building. Inspect the room and confirm that there are no damages apart from the items listed on your RCR. Once completed sign and date RCR and drop in our designated drop box.



## Step Five • UNLOAD:

Once you have checked in, inspected your room, and turned in your RCR, then you may return to your vehicle to acquire your items. Once the check-in process is completed, you will then head back to your vehicle and may begin unloading. Residents will unload the vehicle(s). Please note, there will be no volunteers available. Elevators are only available at Unity Hall, however, we do recommend that you also utilize the stairs to move your items into your room. Once you have moved in all your items, you will move your vehicle to a designated parking area.



## Step Six • MOVE-IN:

Move in to your assigned room. Get to know your roommate and suite-mates!

## Brownsville Campus

### Casa Bella, Clubhouse

Phone: 956-882-7191 | Fax: 956-882-6809

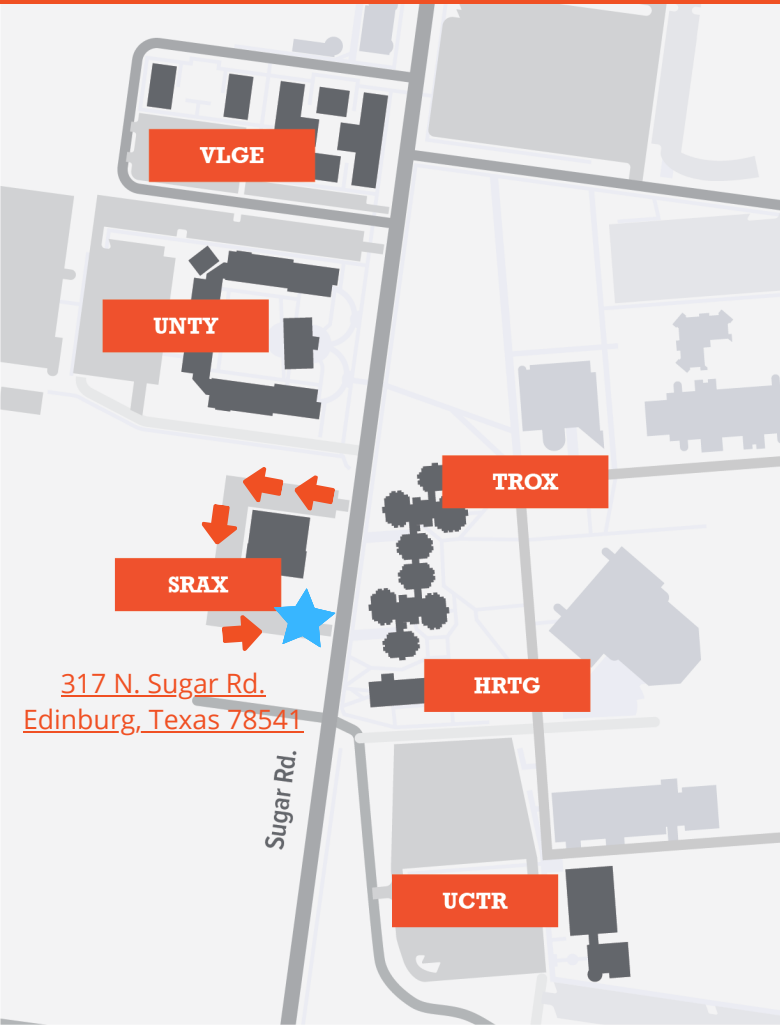
Email: [home@utrgv.edu](mailto:home@utrgv.edu)

### Mailing:

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

ATTN: Housing and Residence Life

2651 FJRM Ave Brownsville, TX 78520



[317 N. Sugar Rd.  
Edinburg, Texas 78541](https://www.google.com/maps/place/317+N.+Sugar+Rd.,+Edinburg,+TX+78541)

## Residence Halls:

- **HRTG** - HERITAGE HALL
- **TROX** - DARREL TROXEL HALL
- **UNTY** - UNITY HALL
- **VLGE** - THE VILLAGE
- **SRAX** - SUGAR ROAD ANNEX
- **UCTR** - HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE OFFICE, RM. #305

## Edinburg Campus

University Center, 3rd Floor, Rm. 305

Phone: 956-665-3439 | Fax: 956-665-5055

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## Mail & Packages

### Mail

Mail and package services begin on first class day and end on the last class day for each long semester. Each resident is assigned a key for their mailbox at the Edinburg Campus. Residents who live at Casa Bella will be able to pick up mail or packages at the Casa Bella Clubhouse during office hours. For more information please review the Resident Handbook.

### Packages

Residents have the opportunity to receive packages to their facility throughout the academic year. Residential halls do not receive packages during summer or holiday closings. When a package is received, it must be addressed to the resident's name, if not it will be returned to sender.

At the Village Apartments, the resident must be present when packages are delivered to their apartment door. The Office of Housing and Residence Life can only accept packages for current residents. Residential Halls will be able to pick up packages by contacting the Resident Assistant for the designated area.

Casa Bella residents can pick up packages at the Clubhouse during office hours. Packages not picked up within five (5) business days will be returned to sender. Contact the front desk in your building/area if you experience any problems with your mailbox key. Your full mailing address is available in your Resident Handbook.

### Bicycles

The UTRGV Parking and Transportation Department offers free tagging of items and bicycle permits are free when you register your bike. All bicycles should be secured on bicycle racks located outside of residence halls. Do not secure bicycles to stairways, handrails, entryways, light poles, balconies, fences or trees.

### Ethernet & Wireless

Wireless internet connection is available in every lobby and study areas of the residence halls.

### Residential Laundry

All residence halls offer washers and dryers. Machine use is free to residents only. Casa Bella & The Village Apartments residents have access to a washer and dryer in their assigned apartment.

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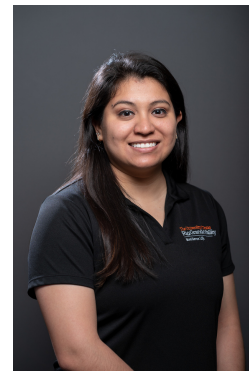
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### **Brownsville Campus**

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