

VACATION PACKING CHECKLIST

BEDDING

- ☐ Bath towels (usually only 1/person is supplied)
- ☐ Bed linens (usually supplied)
- ☐ Favorite Pillow
- ☐ Wash cloths (usually only 1/person is supplied; bring your old ones)

BEFORE LEAVING HOME CHECKLIST

- ☐ Check all doors and windows are locked
- ☐ Check stove, oven and iron
- ☐ Forward phone to cell phone
- ☐ Give key to neighbors for security, mail and newspapers
- ☐ Lock windows and doors
- ☐ Put timer on lights
- ☐ Reduce heat, hot water heater and A/C settings
- ☐ Secure all outdoor items
- ☐ Set alarm
- ☐ Set heat/air conditioning to moderate temp
- ☐ Set timer lights
- ☐ Stop mail delivery
- ☐ Stop newspaper delivery
- ☐ Unplug appliances: TVs, VCRS/DVD players, coffee maker, toaster, computer
- ☐ Unplug chargers in unused cars (drains the battery in 2-3 weeks)
- ☐ Water plants

Prep for Vacation

- ☐ Contact your cell phone provider to check:
 - ☐ Coverage where you'll vacation.
 - ☐ If there are roaming charges, consider a temporary plan change.
- ☐ Car or booster seat laws by state: <http://www.inventiveparent.com/state-laws.htm>
- ☐ Copy all IDs, credit cards, travelers checks, memberships (AAA), seal in envelope, give to trusted contact
- ☐ MP3 downloads: recorded books from the library, podCasts, music
- ☐ Pet care arrangements
- ☐ SMS numbers for cell phone text messages to obtain local info: Google SMS, Starbucks SMS, Traffic Map SMS
- ☐ Send email to all vacationers; give all your cell numbers and ask for theirs; update all your cell phones
- ☐ Update GPS software with latest maps.
- ☐ Update jump drive with new account info

Give neighbors your travel information:

- ☐ Cell phone numbers
- ☐ Itinerary during trip
- ☐ Name and car of house/pet sitter
- ☐ Name, address, telephone number
- ☐ Vacation dates
- ☐ Vacation phone numbers
- ☐ Emergency number (a friend/relative)

Give housesitter information about house:

- ☐ Alarm information
- ☐ Cars will be left out
- ☐ Lights will be left on
- ☐ Names of any maintenance people (gardeners, maid service, etc.)

CAR TRAVEL

- ☐ Cooler
- ☐ Coupons for meals and hotels
- ☐ Drinks
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Guidebooks
- ☐ Maps and travel directions
- ☐ MP3 player and car adapter
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Proof of auto insurance
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Soduko
- ☐ Trash bag
- ☐ Travel games
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Wet wipes

Drive safely

Kids

- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Books
- ☐ Coloring books, game and puzzle magazines
- ☐ Crayons and colored pencils
- ☐ Drawing pad
- ☐ Games
- ☐ Travel journal, route map and travel stickers
- ☐ Movies
- ☐ New small toys
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Portable DVD player

CHILDREN

Kids

- ☐ Back-pack
- ☐ Board games
- ☐ Car or booster seat (laws by state: <http://www.inventiveparent.com/state-laws.htm>)
- ☐ Coloring books, crayons, etc.
- ☐ Favorite blanket
- ☐ Favorite or new movies
- ☐ Favorite games and toys
- ☐ Handheld games
- ☐ Movies
- ☐ Rainy day entertainment
- ☐ School work assignments
- ☐ Tote for all toys and games

Babies and Toddlers

- ☐ Baby food
- ☐ Baby swim diapers
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Bibs
- ☐ Bottles
- ☐ Car seat

- ☐ Car window shades
- ☐ Diaper bag
- ☐ Favorite blanket
- ☐ Favorite toys
- ☐ Diapers
- ☐ ID tags
- ☐ Pack and Play (may be supplied)
- ☐ Picture books
- ☐ Portable crib
- ☐ Portable high chair (may be supplied)
- ☐ Room intercom/baby monitor
- ☐ Sippy cups
- ☐ Stroller
- ☐ Swim diapers

CLOTHES

- ☐ A collared shirt and tie for special dinners
- ☐ Arch supports or foot beds (SuperFeet.com)
- ☐ Bathing suits and coverups (in many places it's frowned on or illegal to walk around with just a bathing suit on.)
- ☐ Bathrobe
- ☐ Beach sandals or flip flops
- ☐ Belts
- ☐ Bras
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Cover-ups (swimsuit)
- ☐ Dress shoes
- ☐ Fanny pack or Back pack
- ☐ Flip flops
- ☐ Hair bands/clips
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Hat-baseball, straw
- ☐ Hats/visors
- ☐ Hiking shoes
- ☐ Jewelry/scarves
- ☐ Ladies-jacket or sweater for restaurants
- ☐ Light jacket or wind-breaker
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Pajamas/night shirt
- ☐ Pants
- ☐ Panty hose
- ☐ Pool shoes
- ☐ Sandals
- ☐ Shirts
- ☐ Shoes – sandals, flip-flop, tennis, walking
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Shorts/capris
- ☐ Slacks/dress
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Suit/evening outfits
- ☐ Sun glasses

- ☐ Sunglasses w/strap
- ☐ Sweatband/bandanna
- ☐ Swim suits
- ☐ Swimsuits
- ☐ Tank-tops/t-shirts
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Watches

DAY BAG AND ITEMS FOR THEME PARKS

- ☐ Antibacterial hand gel
- ☐ Autograph book and marker
- ☐ Baby food
- ☐ Video recorder, tapes and extra battery
- ☐ Camera, memory stick, film and batteries
- ☐ Cash (lots, really) and credit card
- ☐ Cell phones
- ☐ Collapsible cooler
- ☐ Disposable camera for kids
- ☐ Driver's license/id for each adult
- ☐ Dry change of clothes for kids
- ☐ Glow sticks and necklaces
- ☐ Emergency bag with:
 - ☐ Bandages, various sizes
 - ☐ Bandage, 1 large for knee-size abrasion
 - ☐ Blister bandages
 - ☐ Contact number for rental car (after you loose the keys)
 - ☐ Duct Tape, about 1 foot rolled up
 - ☐ Insect repellent, wipe on pads or small bottle
 - ☐ Pain medicine
 - ☐ Safety pins
 - ☐ Scissors, rounded kid's tip
 - ☐ Tissues
 - ☐ Wet wipes, travel pack-size
- ☐ Fanny packs
- ☐ Guidebooks
- ☐ Handheld games to keep kids occupied in line
- ☐ Hats/visors/sweatbands/bandannas
- ☐ Keys, door and car.
- ☐ Keys, extras carried by a different person
- ☐ Kids ID tags
- ☐ Large zip-top bags for wet clothes
- ☐ Lip balm with sunscreen
- ☐ Meal and show reservation numbers
- ☐ Membership cards (to call AAA after you loose your car keys)
- ☐ Mister fan and extra batteries
- ☐ Neck lanyard for car and room keys
- ☐ Park maps
- ☐ Pennies for pressing
- ☐ Rain ponchos
- ☐ Rain poncho or umbrella

- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Stroller
- ☐ Sunglasses and straps
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Theme park tickets
- ☐ Walkie-talkies (but all frequencies are in use)
- ☐ Water bottles with strap (drink lot to avoid dehydration tantrums)

DAY BAG FOR WATER PARKS

- ☐ Antibacterial hand gel
- ☐ Bathing suits
- ☐ Beach bag
- ☐ Beach towels
- ☐ Books/magazines
- ☐ Cash (more that you think) and credit card
- ☐ Cell phones
- ☐ Collapsible cooler
- ☐ Drivers license/ID for each adult
- ☐ Dry change of clothes for kids
- ☐ Earplugs
- ☐ Flootation toys
- ☐ Goggles
- ☐ Hats/visors/sweatbands/bandannas
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Kids ID tags with several emergency phone numbers
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Large zip-top bags for wet clothes
- ☐ Lip balm with sunscreen
- ☐ Mister fan and extra batteries
- ☐ Neck lanyard for room key/tickets
- ☐ Pain medicine
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Sunglasses w/straps
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Swim diapers
- ☐ Walkie-talkies
- ☐ Water bottle strap
- ☐ Water park tickets
- ☐ Water shoes/flip flops
- ☐ Water toys
- ☐ Waterproof camera
- ☐ Waterproof case
- ☐ Waterproof watch
- ☐ Wet wipes

DOGS ON VACATION

- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Bowls for food and water
- ☐ Dog food
- ☐ Dog sweaters
- ☐ Doggie motion sickness medicine

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- ☐ Favorite toys
- ☐ Portable pet fence - to keep pets confined
- ☐ Leash
- ☐ Poop bags
- ☐ Nature's Miracle and paper towels for accidents
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Treats

ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Batteries, take every size
- ☐ Battery chargers
- ☐ Camera bag
- ☐ Camera batteries, charger, video out cable
- ☐ Cameras
- ☐ Camera memory stick
- ☐ Camera film
- ☐ Cameras for kids, disposable waterproof
- ☐ CD player, charger, headphones, and output cable to stereo
- ☐ Cell car charger
- ☐ Cell charger
- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ GPS and batteries
- ☐ Laptop computer, charger, USB cables, wireless network card, internet cable
- ☐ MP3 player, charger, headphones and output cable to stereo
- ☐ Music CDs
- ☐ PDA and charger
- ☐ Video recorder
- ☐ Video recorder batteries
- ☐ Video recorder charger
- ☐ Video recorder memory cards or tapes
- ☐ Walkie-talkies and batteries

ENTERTAINMENT

- ☐ Books and magazines
- ☐ Frisbee
- ☐ Games
- ☐ Playing cards and rule book
- ☐ Puzzles
- ☐ Travel journal

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL

- ☐ Aloe Vera gel
- ☐ Antacids
- ☐ Antibiotic ointment
- ☐ Anti-itch medication
- ☐ Band-aids
- ☐ Blister pads
- ☐ Cough drops
- ☐ Ear-dry
- ☐ Eye drops
- ☐ First aid kit

- ☐ Kids pain medicine
- ☐ Excedrin Migraine
- ☐ Motion sickness medication
- ☐ Pain reliever
- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Sinus/allergy medicine

FOOD

- ☐ Beer and wine
- ☐ Bottled water
- ☐ Chips and pretzels
- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ Coffee-creamers
- ☐ Crackers
- ☐ Equal or sweet 'n low
- ☐ Fruit snacks
- ☐ Granola bars
- ☐ Hot chocolate
- ☐ Jam
- ☐ Popcorn
- ☐ Salt and pepper
- ☐ Small cereal boxes
- ☐ Spice wheel with your favorite seasonings
- ☐ Spices or special condiments
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Tea bags

Food – Kids and Babies

- ☐ Baby Food
- ☐ Jelly
- ☐ Juice boxes
- ☐ Peanut butter
- ☐ Pop tarts

GENERAL HOUSE SUPPLIES

- ☐ Beach bag
- ☐ Candles
- ☐ Citronella candles
- ☐ Collapsible cooler
- ☐ Fire wood for fireplace
- ☐ Flashlight and batteries
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Mini-reading light
- ☐ Mosquito coils
- ☐ Nightlights for each bathroom
- ☐ Sewing kit
- ☐ Tissues
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Wet wipes

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

- ☐ Coffee filters
- ☐ Coffee filters
- ☐ Coffee filters, type:
- ☐ Corkscrew
- ☐ Corkscrew
- ☐ Dish liquid detergent
- ☐ Dish scrubber
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Dish towels
- ☐ Dish towels
- ☐ Dishwasher detergent
- ☐ Disposable cups
- ☐ Flatware
- ☐ Frying pans
- ☐ Garbage bags
- ☐ Kitchen trash bags
- ☐ Knives
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Plastic garbage bags
- ☐ Plastic utensils
- ☐ Plastic wrap and foil and plastic bags
- ☐ Recipes for vacation cooking
- ☐ Straws
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Wine stopper
- ☐ Zip lock bags - several sizes
- ☐ Zip top bags

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT – YOU JUST CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

- ☐ Coffee maker
- ☐ Espresso machine
- ☐ Non-stick fry pan
- ☐ Panini press
- ☐ Water filtering pitcher

LAUNDRY ITEMS

- ☐ Dryer sheets
- ☐ Laundry bags
- ☐ Laundry soap

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- ☐ Envelopes for maid tips
- ☐ Friends and relatives addresses for postcards
- ☐ Friends and relatives e-mail addresses
- ☐ Marker
- ☐ Notepad

- ☐ Paper and pen or pencil
- ☐ Pens
- ☐ Stamps
- ☐ Stationery
- ☐ Writing materials, stamps and journal

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Diving gear
- ☐ Exercise: heart monitor, pedometer, clothing, equipment
- ☐ Fishing pole and tackle
- ☐ Golf clubs
- ☐ Tennis rackets
- ☐ Water sports bottle or water bottle strap
- ☐ Waterproof case

Snorkeling and Swimming

- ☐ Air mattress
- ☐ Aqua socks or dive booties
- ☐ Beach towels
- ☐ Beach umbrella
- ☐ Blow-up water toys
- ☐ Disposable underwater camera
- ☐ Diver case for camera
- ☐ Fins
- ☐ Mask
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Snorkel
- ☐ Snorkeling shirt of quick-dry material to prevent sunburn
- ☐ Sun block
- ☐ Surfboard/boogie board
- ☐ Waist flotation device
- ☐ Waterproof case for wallet
- ☐ Zip lock bags for shells

OVERNIGHT/CARRY-ON BAG WITH ESSENTIALS FOR 1 DAY

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PERSONAL

- ☐ Cash/credit cards
- ☐ Checkbook
- ☐ Dollar bills for tips and tolls
- ☐ Driver's license/IDs
- ☐ Health insurance card
- ☐ Jump drive with password for private info: account numbers, passwords, credit card numbers...
- ☐ Membership cards (such as AAA, DVC)
- ☐ Passports/birth certificates
- ☐ Phone and addresses of family, friends, neighbors, doctors, veterinarian
- ☐ Traveler's checks

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Bath soap
- ☐ Bath soap/shampoo

- ☐ Bathroom tissue
- ☐ Blow dryer
- ☐ Blow-dryer
- ☐ Body lotion
- ☐ Body powder
- ☐ Brush and/or comb
- ☐ Bubble bath
- ☐ Contact lens solution
- ☐ Contacts
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Earplugs
- ☐ Face lotion
- ☐ Face wash
- ☐ Foot powder
- ☐ Glasses
- ☐ Hair brush or comb
- ☐ Hair conditioner
- ☐ Hair spray
- ☐ Hair styling product
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Lip balm with sunscreen
- ☐ Makeup
- ☐ Make-up remover
- ☐ Nail clippers or scissors
- ☐ Nail file
- ☐ Nail polish
- ☐ Nail polish remover
- ☐ Perfume
- ☐ Prescription medication
- ☐ Q-tips
- ☐ Razor and shaving cream
- ☐ Razors
- ☐ Razors
- ☐ Reading glasses
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Shaver
- ☐ Shaving cream
- ☐ Shower cap
- ☐ Soap or bath gel
- ☐ Sunscreen, waterproof
- ☐ Sunscreen for face
- ☐ Tampons or pads
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Vitamins

Kids Toiletries

- ☐ Insect repellent for children
- ☐ Kid's hairbrush/comb
- ☐ Kid's shampoo

- ☐ Kid's toothbrushes
- ☐ Kids soap/ bath gel
- ☐ Vitamins

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS AND TICKETS

- ☐ Hotel confirmation
- ☐ Phone numbers of reservation/customer service/local office
- ☐ Plane tickets (make copies)
- ☐ Rental car confirmation
- ☐ Theme park tickets (make copies)

TRAVEL INFORMATION

- ☐ Discount coupons
- ☐ Guidebooks
- ☐ Maps/directions to hotel, rental agency, special restaurants, shows, museums, Costco or Sam's Club

TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE USA

- ☐ Kid's birth certificate (more needed if only one parent accompanying kid)
- ☐ Picture ID and a birth certificate with a raised seal, or a passport. (check with your airline for the current rules)
- ☐ Prescription: Meds in original containers, doctor's name and phone number.
- ☐