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
- Sudoku
- 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
Sun glasses
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 repellant, 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
- Floatation toys
- Goggles
- Hats/visors/sweatbands/bandannas
- Insect repellant
- 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
Doggie medicine
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-cream
- 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
- 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**

**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
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
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.