

Permitted and Prohibited Items

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What Can I Bring?

On Tuesday, September 26, TSA adjusted the ban on liquids, gels, and aerosols.

Air travelers may now carry liquids, gels and aerosols in their carry-on bag when going through security checkpoints.

With certain exceptions for prescription and over-the-counter medicines, baby formula and breast milk, and other essential liquids, gels, and aerosols, the following rules apply to all liquids, gels, and aerosols you want to carry through a security checkpoint.

1. All liquids, gels and aerosols must be in three-ounce or smaller containers. Larger containers that are half-full or toothpaste tubes rolled up are not allowed. **Each container must be three ounces or smaller.**
2. All liquids, gels and aerosols must be placed in a single, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag. Gallon size bags or bags that are not zip-top such as fold-over sandwich bags are not allowed. **Each traveler can use only one, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag.**
3. Each traveler must remove their quart-sized plastic, zip-top bag from their carry-on and place it in a bin or on the conveyor belt for X-ray screening. X-raying separately will allow TSA security officers to more easily examine the declared items.

Please keep in mind that these rules were developed after extensive research and understanding of current threats. They are intended to help air travelers bring essential toiletries and other liquids, gels and aerosols for short trips. If you need larger amounts of liquids, gels and aerosols such as toothpaste or shampoo, please place them in your luggage and check them with your airline.

To ensure the health and welfare of certain air travelers there are no limits on the amounts of the following liquids, gels and aerosols you may carry through a security checkpoint:

- [Baby formula and breast milk](#) if a baby or small child is traveling;
- [All prescription and over-the-counter medications](#) (liquids, gels, and aerosols) including KY jelly, eye drops, and saline solution for medical purposes;
- Liquids including water, juice, or liquid nutrition or gels for passengers with a disability or medical condition;
- Life-support and life-sustaining liquids such as bone marrow, blood products, and transplant organs;
- Items used to augment the body for medical or cosmetic reasons such as mastectomy products, prosthetic breasts, bras or shells containing gels, saline solution, or other liquids; and,
- Gels or frozen liquids needed to cool disability or medically related items used by persons with disabilities or medical conditions.

You are not limited in the amount or volume of these above items you may bring in your carry-on baggage. However, if these items are in containers larger than three ounces, please perform the following:

1. Separate these items from the liquids, gels, and aerosols in your quart-size and zip-top bag.
2. Declare you have the items to one of our Security Officers at the security checkpoint.
3. Present these items for additional inspection once reaching the X-ray. These items are subject to additional screening.

We have also taken steps to ensure the security boarding areas after you pass through our security checkpoints. Therefore, any liquid, gel, or aerosol such as coffee or soda purchased in the secure area after you process through a security checkpoint is allowed aboard your plane

To effectively communicate important security information, we translated these changes into a variety of languages. [Security Information In Other Languages](#)

You are permitted to bring solid cosmetics and personal hygiene items as such lipstick, lip balm and similar solids.

We ask for your cooperation in the screening process by being prepared before you arrive. We also ask that you follow the guidelines above and try not to over-think these guidelines. Please pack liquids, gels, and aerosols in your checked baggage even if you do not normally check a bag.

In addition to liquids, gels, and aerosols numerous other potentially dangerous items are not permitted in carry-on baggage. We strongly encourage travelers to read more about previously prohibited items to avoid complications during screening.

To help you understand and navigate the new security measures, please click one of the links below.

- [Know Before You Go Travel Card](#) (PDF 528 KB)
- [Bag And Zip For A Short Trip](#) (PDF 2.8 MB)
- [The Right Bag For Your Carry-on](#) (PDF 1.2 MB)
- [Screening Step-By-Step](#) (WMV 3 MB)
- [Female business traveler](#) (WMV 3 MB)
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- [Travelers with special needs](#) (WMV 3 MB)

It is unlikely that additional changes in the liquid, aerosol and gel policy will be made in the near future.

This security regimen applies to all domestic and international flights departing U.S. airports. Travelers should, however, check with transportation security authorities in their country-of-origin for flights originating at non-U.S. airports.

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Makeup & Personal Items

	Carry-on	Checked
Aerosol spray bottles and cans	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes

All creams and lotions including Neosporin or first-aid creams and ointments, topical or rash creams and ointments, suntan lotions, moisturizers, etc.	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Bubble bath balls, bath oils or moisturizers	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Bug and mosquito sprays and repellents	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Cigar Cutters	Yes	Yes
Corkscrews	Yes	Yes
Cuticle Cutters	Yes	Yes
Deodorants made of gel or aerosol	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Eye drops - You are allowed to carry a 3 oz. or smaller container of eye drops in a clear, one-quart plastic bag. There is no restriction on the amount you may carry, but containers greater than 3 oz. must be declared to the Security Officer and cannot be carried in your clear, one-quart bag.	Yes	Yes
Eyeglass Repair Tools - including screwdrivers.	Yes	Yes
Eyelash Curlers	Yes	Yes
Gel-filled bras and similar prosthetics - Gel-filled bras may be worn through security screening and aboard aircraft.	Yes	Yes
Hair styling gels and spray of all kinds including aerosol	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Hair Straightener or Detangler	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Knitting and Crochet Needles	Yes	Yes
Knives - except for plastic or round bladed butter knives.	No	Yes
Lip gels such as Carmex or Blistex	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes

Liquid lip glosses or other liquids for lips	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Liquid bubble bath including gel or liquid filled	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Liquid foundations	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Liquid, gel or spray perfumes and colognes	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Liquid sanitizers	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Liquid soaps	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Liquid mascara	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Make up removers or facial cleansers	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Mouthwash	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Nail Clippers	Yes	Yes
Nail Files	Yes	Yes
Nail polish and removers	Yes -3 oz. or smaller container	Yes

Non-prescription liquid or gel medicines like cough syrup and gel cap type pills - You are allowed to carry up to 3 oz., of eye drops in a clear, one-quart plastic bag. Volumes greater than 3 oz. must be declared to the Security Officer and cannot be carried in your clear, one-quart bag. For more details see read our information on liquid medications	Yes	Yes
Personal lubricants - You are allowed to carry up to 3 oz., of eye drops in a clear, one-quart plastic bag. Volumes greater than 3 oz. must be declared to the Security Officer and cannot be carried in your clear, one-quart bag.	Yes	Yes
Safety Razors - including disposable razors.	Yes	Yes
Saline solution - You are allowed to carry up to 3 oz., of eye drops in a clear, one-quart plastic bag. Volumes greater than 3 oz. must be declared to the Security Officer and cannot be carried in your clear, one-quart bag.	Yes	Yes
Scissors - plastic or metal with blunt tips.	Yes	Yes
Scissors - metal with pointed tips and blades shorter than four inches in length.	Yes	Yes
Shampoos and conditioners	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Toothpaste	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Toy Transformer Robots	Yes	Yes
Toy Weapons - if not realistic replicas.	Yes	Yes
Tweezers	Yes	Yes
Umbrellas - allowed in carry-on baggage once they have been inspected to ensure that prohibited items are not concealed.	Yes	Yes
Walking Canes - allowed in carry-on baggage once they have been inspected to ensure that prohibited items are not concealed.	Yes	Yes
NOTE: Some personal care items containing aerosol are regulated as hazardous materials. The FAA regulates hazardous materials. This information is summarized at www.faa.gov .		

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Medication & Special Needs Devices

Please make sure your medications are properly labeled with a professionally printed label identifying the medication and manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label. The prescription medicine must match the name on the passenger's ticket.

All disability-related equipment, aids, and devices continue to be allowed through security checkpoints once cleared through screening.

For more information on what to expect during security screening, you may want to visit our section written for [Travelers with Disabilities and Medical Conditions](#).

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Electronic Devices

	Carry-on	Checked
Camcorders	Yes	Yes
Camera Equipment - the checked baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film in camera equipment. We recommend that you either put undeveloped film and cameras containing undeveloped film in your carry-on baggage or take undeveloped film with you to the checkpoint and ask the screener to conduct a hand-inspection.	Yes	Yes
Laptop Computers	Yes	Yes
Mobile Phones	Yes	Yes
Pagers	Yes	Yes
Personal Data Assistants (PDA's)	Yes	Yes
NOTE: Check with your airline or travel agent for restrictions on the use of these and other electronic items during your flight.		

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Sharp Objects

	Carry-on	Checked
Box Cutters	No	Yes
Ice Axes/Ice Picks	No	Yes
Knives - except for plastic or round bladed butter knives	No	Yes
Meat Cleavers	No	Yes
Razor-Type Blades - such as box cutters, utility knives, razor blades not in a cartridge, but excluding safety razors.	No	Yes
Sabers	No	Yes
Scissors - metal with pointed tips and blades shorter than four inches	Yes	Yes
Swords	No	Yes
NOTE: Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and inspectors.		

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Sporting Goods

	Carry-on	Checked
Baseball Bats	No	Yes
Bows and Arrows	No	Yes
Cricket Bats	No	Yes
Golf Clubs	No	Yes
Hockey Sticks	No	Yes
Lacrosse Sticks	No	Yes
Pool Cues	No	Yes
Ski Poles	No	Yes
Spear Guns	No	Yes
For more information, please read our Traveling with Special Items section.		

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Guns & Firearms

	Carry-on	Checked
Ammunition - Check with your airline or travel agent to see if ammunition is permitted in checked baggage on the airline you are flying. If ammunition is permitted, it must be declared to the airline at check-in. Small arms ammunitions for personal use must be securely packed in fiber, wood or metal boxes or other packaging specifically designed to carry small amounts of ammunition. Ask about limitations or fees, if any, that apply. Read our Firearms & Ammunition section.	No	Yes
BB guns	No	Yes
Compressed Air Guns	No	Yes
Firearms - firearms carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in. Read our Firearms & Ammunition section.	No	Yes
Flare Guns - May be carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in. Read our section on Camping.	No	Yes
Flares	No	No
Gun Lighters	No	Yes
Gun Powder including black powder and percussion caps	No	No
Parts of Guns and Firearms	No	Yes
Pellet Guns	No	Yes
Realistic Replicas of Firearms	No	Yes
Starter Pistols	No	Yes
NOTE: Check with your airline or travel agent to see if firearms are permitted in checked baggage on the airline you are flying. Ask about limitations or fees, if any, that apply. All of the firearms listed above, as well the frame or receiver of such firearms, carried as checked baggage, MUST be unloaded, packed in locked hard-sided gun case, and declared to your airline at check-in.		

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Tools

	Carry-on	Checked
Axes and Hatchets	No	Yes
Cattle Prods	No	Yes
Crowbars	No	Yes
Hammers	No	Yes
Drills and drill bits (including cordless portable power drills)	No	Yes
Saws (including cordless portable power saws)	No	Yes
Tools (greater than seven inches in length)	No	Yes
Tools (seven inches or less in length)	Yes	Yes
Screwdrivers (seven inches or less in length)	Yes	Yes
Wrenches and Pliers (seven inches or less in length)	Yes	Yes
NOTE: Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and Security Officers.		

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Martial Arts & Self Defense Items

	Carry-on	Checked
Billy Clubs	No	Yes
Black Jacks	No	Yes
Brass Knuckles	No	Yes
Kubatons	No	Yes

Mace/Pepper Spray - One 118 ml or 4 Fl. oz. container of mace or pepper spray is permitted in checked baggage provided it is equipped with a safety mechanism to prevent accidental discharge. For more information visit www.faa.gov , click on Passengers, then Preparing to Fly.	No	Yes
Martial Arts Weapons	No	Yes
Night Sticks	No	Yes
Nunchakus	No	Yes
Stun Guns/Shocking Devices	No	Yes
Throwing Stars	No	Yes
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Explosive & Flammable Materials, Disabling Chemicals & Other Dangerous Items

Explosive Materials	Carry-on	Checked
Blasting Caps	No	No
Dynamite	No	No
Fireworks	No	No
Flares (in any form)	No	No
Hand Grenades	No	No
Plastic Explosives	No	No
Realistic Replicas of Explosives	No	No

Flammable Items	Carry-on	Checked
Aerosol (any except for personal care or toiletries in limited quantities)	No	No
Fuels (including cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel)	No	No

Gasoline	No	No
Gas Torches	No	No
Lighter Fluid	No	No
Lighters - All lighters are prohibited as carry-on items. Lighters without fuel are permitted in checked baggage. Lighters with fuel are prohibited in checked baggage, unless they adhere to DOT exemptions, which allow up to two fueled lighters if properly enclosed in a DOT approved case. If you are uncertain as to whether your lighter is prohibited, please refrain from bringing it to the airport.	No	No
Strike-anywhere Matches - Up to 4 books of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches are permitted as carry-on items, but all matches are prohibited in checked baggage.	No	No
Turpentine and Paint Thinner	No	No
Realistic Replicas of Incendiaries	No	No
NOTE: There are other hazardous materials that are regulated by the FAA. This information is summarized at www.faa.gov , click on Passengers, then Preparing to Fly.		

Disabling Chemicals & Other Dangerous Items	Carry-on	Checked
Chlorine for Pools and Spas	No	No
Compressed Gas Cylinders - including fire extinguishers	No	No
Liquid Bleach	No	No
Spillable Batteries - except those in wheelchairs	No	No
Spray Paint	No	No
Tear Gas	No	No
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Food & Drinks

	Carry-on	Checked
<i>Beverages brought from home or purchased before reaching the security checkpoint - Unless they are in a 3 oz. or smaller container and in your quart-size, zip-top plastic bag.</i>	No	Yes
Beverages purchased after security screening	Yes	Yes
Baby formula and food, breast milk and other baby items - These are allowed in your carry-on baggage or personal items. You can take these through the security checkpoints and aboard your plane. However, you must be traveling with a baby or toddler. All items including formula or breast milk will be inspected. Learn more on traveling with children.	Yes	Yes
Canned or jarred goods such as soup, sauces, peanut butter, fruits, vegetables and jellies	No	Yes
Cheese in pressurized containers	No	Yes
Duty free alcohol and other items (<i>Please see our section on Duty Free Items</i>)	Yes, but some restrictions apply.	Yes
Gel based sports supplements	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Jell-O's	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Pudding	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Whipped cream	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Yogurt or gel like food substances	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes

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Other Items

	Carry-on	Checked
Gel-type candles	No	Yes
Gel shoe inserts - Gel shoe inserts are not permitted, but shoes constructed with gel heels are allowed and must be removed and screened. Read more on our shoe screening policy.	No	Yes

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