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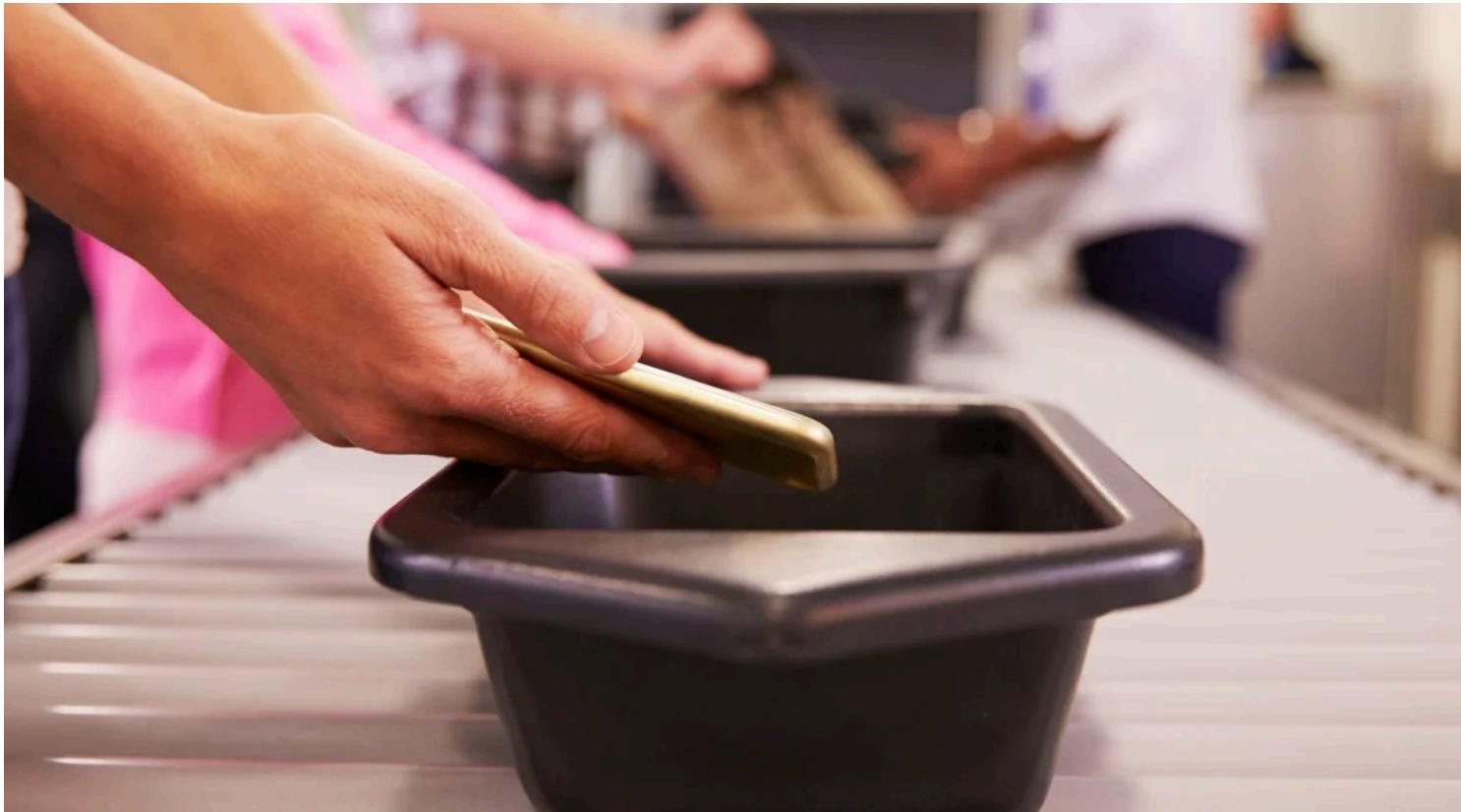
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486 Items You Can & Cannot Bring Through TSA Security [2024]



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Airport security can be one of the more confusing and stressful parts of getting on a plane for many travelers.

Whether you are unsure what is allowed in your carry-on (or even checked bag), if you have to take your shoes off, or pull your laptop out of your bag, the rules feel like they are different for everyone — and they are ... well, not everybody.

Simple things like having the coveted TSA PreCheck logo on your boarding pass means that you can breeze through without kicking off your shoes, but if you aren't so lucky you can still expedite the security process by knowing the rules.

In this article, we will give you a comprehensive list of everything that is and isn't allowed according to the TSA. By planning ahead and packing accordingly, you can save yourself some trouble at the airport and start your vacation off with ease.

TSA Basics

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is the government agency responsible for the traveling public in the U.S. This part of Homeland Security was created in response to the September 11 attacks with a focus on ensuring that nothing dangerous is brought onto an airplane.

As part of this, all travelers must go through a thorough screening at the airport before entering the airside terminals. The process includes an identity check, a scan of luggage, and a full-body scan or a pass through a metal detector. If any part of the process gets flagged, you can be asked to step aside for further inspection.

In general, the process moves quickly, assuming security is properly staffed and travelers have an idea of how the process works. If you haven't flown lately, we recommend reading our guide on [how to easily get through TSA airport security](#).

Hot Tip:

If you are traveling with kids, don't miss our guide that [helps families speed through TSA airport security](#) like a pro.

TSA PreCheck



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Most frequent travelers are familiar with, or even have, TSA PreCheck.

TSA PreCheck is a program that allows low-risk travelers in the U.S. to bypass certain steps during the security check to help expedite the process. In order to qualify for TSA PreCheck, you must apply and complete an in-person interview at one of the 500+ enrollment centers across the country.

While the process of getting TSA PreCheck may not be worth it for the occasional traveler, anyone that travels more than a few times per year will certainly see the value. We put together [everything you need to know about TSA PreCheck](#) so that you can weigh the options yourself.

The Ultimate TSA Prohibited and Allowed Items List

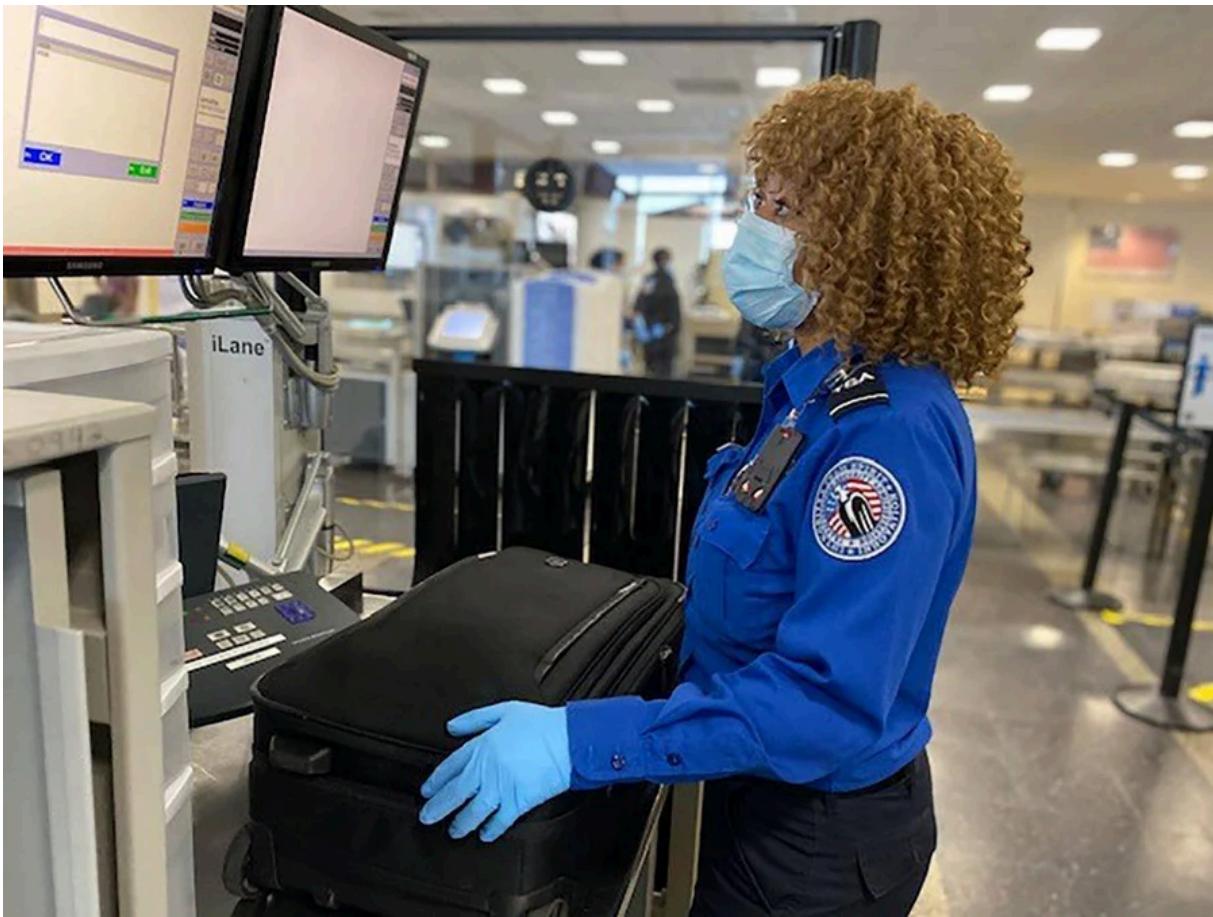


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Without further ado, here is the **ultimate list of what you can and cannot bring in your luggage through TSA security in the U.S.**

This list is focused on carry-on bags, but if something isn't allowed in a checked bag either, it will be noted.

We have listed everything from maximum liquids in checked baggage to electronics in your carry-on. If it is a TSA-banned item, it is on the chart below.

Item	Allowed	Notes
Aerosol insecticide	No	Only in checked bags longer than 3.4 oz, not labeled

		hazardous (HAZMAT)
Air mattress with built-in pump	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Airbrush make-up machine	Yes	–
Alcoholic beverages	Yes	Must be in containers (100 ml) or smaller bottles and in a single 1-quart bag.
Alcoholic beverages over 140 proof	No	Not allowed in checked bags
Ammunition	No	Allowed in carry-on bags depending on the airline's guidelines available.
Antlers	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Arc lighters, plasma lighters, electronic lighters, e-lighters	No	Not allowed in checked bags
Artificial skeleton bones	Yes	–
Axes and hatchets	No	Only allowed in checked bags
Baby carrier	Yes	–
Baby food	Yes	–
Baby formula	Yes	Allowed in quantities' to be screened separately
Baby powder	Yes	–

Baby wipes	Yes	–
Balloons (not inflated)	Yes	–
Bang snaps	No	Not allowed checked bags.
Baseball bats	No	Only allowed checked bags.
Basketballs/baseballs/footballs/soccer balls	Yes	–
Battery-powered wheelchairs and mobility devices	No	Spillable liquids allowed in wheelchairs. guidelines available.
BB guns	No	Allowed in carry-on bags depending on the airline. guidelines available.
Bear bangers	No	Not allowed checked bags.
Bear spray	No	Not allowed checked bags.
Belts, clothes, and shoes	Yes	–
Bicycle chains	Yes	–
Bicycle pumps	Yes	–
Bicycles	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Billy clubs	No	Only allowed checked bags.
Binoculars	Yes	–

Biological specimens, non-infectious, in preservative solutions	Yes	No more than 1 milliliter of solution in packaging, more than the entire outer container.
Black jacks (self-defense weapons)	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Blankets	Yes	—
Blasting caps	No	Not allowed in checked bags.
Blender	Yes	Blenders can be allowed in carry-on bags if the blade has been removed.
Blood sugar test kit	Yes	—
Bobby pins	Yes	—
Bocce balls	Yes	—
Body armor	Yes	—
Books	Yes	—
Bottle opener	Yes	—
Bottled water	Yes	Must be less than 12 fluid ounces (10 liters).
Bowling balls	Yes	—
Bowling pins	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Bows and arrows	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Box cutters	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Boxing gloves	Yes	—

Brass instruments	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Brass knuckles	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Bread	Yes	—
Bread machine	Yes	—
<u>Breast milk</u>	Yes	Allowed in quantities' be screened separately.
Breast pump	Yes	—
Bug repellent	Yes	Must be less than 10 ounces (100 ml).
Butane	No	Not allowed in checked bags.
Butane curling irons (cordless)	Yes	Only allowed on bags (regular) and must have safety cover. Heating element cartridges not allowed.
Camera monopod	Yes	—
Camp stoves	Yes	Must be empty of fuel.
Candy	Yes	—
Canes	Yes	—
Canned foods	Yes	May require screening.
Canoe/kayak paddles	No	Only allowed in checked bags.

Cap guns	No	Only allow checked b
Car parts	Yes	Must be in packaging and not exceed size and weight limits
Cast iron cookware	No	Only allow checked b
Casts	Yes	-
Cattle prods	No	Only allow checked b
Cell phones	Yes	-
Cereal	Yes	-
Chapsticks	Yes	-
Cheese (creamy)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 oz (100g)
Cheese (solid)	Yes	-
Child car seat	Yes	-
Chlorine for pools and spas	No	Not allowed in checked bags
Chocolate (liquid)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 oz (100g)
Chocolate (solid)	Yes	-
Christmas lights	Yes	-
Cigar cutters	Yes	May require screening.
Cigarettes	Yes	-
Cigars	Yes	-
Clock	Yes	-

CO ₂ cartridge	No	Not allowed checked baggage. <u>Special exceptions</u> for personal respiratory oxygen cylinders.
CO ₂ cartridge for life vest	Yes	Life vests with CO ₂ cartridges often allow additional <u>lifejacket refills</u> available.
Coat hangers	Yes	—
Coffee (beans or ground)	Yes	—
Coffee (liquid)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml).
Coffee Thermos (empty)	Yes	—
Coffee/espresso maker	Yes	—
Cologne	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml).
Comic books	Yes	—
Compressed air guns	No	Only allowed checked baggage <u>a compressed cylinder attached</u> .
Concealer	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml).
Conditioner	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml).
Contact lens solution	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml). <u>Exceptions</u> allowed.
Contact lenses	Yes	—

Cooked meat, seafood, and vegetable (no liquid)	Yes	–
Cookies	Yes	–
Cooking spray	No	Not allowed checked bags
Cooler (empty)	Yes	–
Corkscrews (with blade)	No	Only allowed checked bags
Corkscrews (with no blade)	Yes	–
Cowboy spurs	Yes	–
Crackers	Yes	–
Crampons	Yes	–
Cream	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 oz (100 ml)
Creamy dips and spreads	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 oz (100 ml)
Cremated remains	Yes	Subject to airline rules for traveling with
Cricket bats	No	Only allowed checked bags
Crochet hooks	Yes	–
Crowbars	No	Only allowed checked bags
Crutches	Yes	–
Curling iron (cordless)	Yes	Cordless curling irons that contain metal or liquid batteries or butane fuel

		allowed in bags.
Curling iron (with cord)	Yes	–
Cutting boards	No	Only allow checked b
Cymbals	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Darts	No	Only allow checked b
Deodorant (aerosol)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml) for carry-ons, or combined with other items for checked bags.
Deodorant (liquid)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml) for carry-ons.
Deodorant (solid)	Yes	–
Desktop computers	Yes	–
Detergent (liquid)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml) for carry-ons.
Detergent (powder or pellet)	Yes	–
Digital cameras	Yes	–
Disassembled computer/computer parts/external hard drives	Yes	–
Disinfecting wipes	Yes	–
Disposable and Zippo lighters	Yes	Only lighters with fuel are allowed in checked bags.
Disposable razor	Yes	–
Divot tools	Yes	–

Dried fruits	Yes	–
Drills and drill bits	No	Only allow checked b
Drones, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)	Yes	Subject to airline rule
Drum sticks (instrument drum set)	Yes	–
Drumsticks	Yes	–
Dry batteries (AA, AAA, C, and D)	Yes	–
Dry ice	Yes	Subject to approval. a limit of 5 properly p ice.
Dry shampoo	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Duct tape	Yes	–
DVD players	Yes	–
Dynamite	No	Not allowed in checked bags
E-liquids	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
E-Z Pass transponders	Yes	–
Electric blankets	Yes	–
Electric fans	Yes	–
Electric razors	Yes	–
Electronic cigarettes and vaping devices	Yes	The FAA prohibits vaping devices in checked bags. They are allowed in carry-on bags.
Electronic toothbrush	Yes	–

Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB)	Yes	Subject to airline rules
Empty beverage container	Yes	–
Empty water bottle	Yes	–
Engine-powered equipment completely purged of fuel	No	Subject to airline rules checked bags
Engine-powered equipment with residual fuel	No	Not allowed checked bags
English Christmas crackers	No	No
EpiPens	Yes	–
Extension cord	Yes	–
External medical devices	Yes	See special instructions
Eye drops	Yes	Must be less than 1 fluid ounce (10 mL)
Eye liners (liquid)	Yes	Must be less than 1 fluid ounce (10 mL)
Fertilizer	No	Not allowed checked bags
Fidget spinners	Yes	–
Film	Yes	–
Fire extinguishers and other compressed gas cylinders	No	Not allowed checked bags
<u>Firearms</u>	No	Read the special instructions for firearms in bags .
Firecracker	No	Not allowed checked bags

Fireworks	No	Not allowed checked bags
Fishing pole	Yes	—
Flammable liquid, gel, or aerosol paint	No	Not allowed checked bags
Flammable paints	No	Not allowed checked bags
Flare guns	No	Not allowed checked bags
Flares	No	Not allowed checked bags
Flashlights	Yes	—
Flowers	Yes	Must be wrapped
Foam toy sword	No	Only allowed checked bags
Foam yoga blocks	Yes	—
Football helmets	Yes	—
Fork	Yes	—
Formaldehyde solution, less than 10 percent	Yes	Must be less than 10 ounces (100 ml)
Foundation	Yes	Must be less than 10 ounces (100 ml)
Freezer packs	Yes	Must be frozen (screening limit is 3.4 oz or 100 ml) to be carried on your carry-on
Fresh eggs	Yes	—
Fresh fruits and vegetables	Yes	Most fruits and vegetables are allowed on

		Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
Fresh meat and seafood	Yes	See special instructions for traveling with seafood, cold non-liquid
Frozen food	Yes	See special instructions for traveling with foods .
Fuel Cells Used to Power Portable Electronic Devices and Spare Fuel Cell Cartridges (Flammable Gases or Water-Reactive Material)	Yes	2 spare fuel cartridges carried in checked baggage . Fuel cell must be marked by manufacturer "Approved for use in aircraft"
Fuel Cells Used to Power Portable Electronic Devices and Spare Fuel Cell Cartridges (Flammable Liquid/Corrosive Material)	Yes	2 spare fuel cartridges carried in checked baggage and checked
Fuels	No	Not allowed in checked baggage
Full-sized video game consoles	Yes	—
Gas torches	No	Not allowed in checked baggage
Gasoline	No	Not allowed in checked baggage
Geiger counters	Yes	—
Gel ice packs	Yes	Must be frozen before screening. If smaller than 3.4 oz (100 ml) to be checked in your carry-on bag . There are

		<u>exceptions</u> uses.
Gel-type candles	No	Only allow checked b
Glass	Yes	-
Glass picture frame	Yes	-
Glass vase (empty)	Yes	-
Glow sticks	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100g)
Golf balls	Yes	-
Golf clubs	Yes	Only allow checked b
Golf tees	Yes	-
Grater	Yes	
Gravy	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100g)
Guitar	Yes	Subject to airline rules
Gum	Yes	-
Gun lighters	No	Not allowed in checked b
Gun powder	No	Not allowed in checked b
Hair clippers	Yes	-
Hairdryers	Yes	-
Hair gel	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100g)
Hair straightener (flat iron), cordless	Yes	Cordless hair straighteners contain lit

		or lithium or are gas fueled are allowed in bags.
Hair straightener (flat iron)	Yes	–
Hair texturizer (aerosol)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Hairspray	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml) per carry-on, plus up to 12 oz. for checked bags. Combined limit is 12 oz.
Hammers	No	Only allowed in checked bags
Hand grenades	No	Not allowed in checked bags.
Hand sanitizers	Yes	Containers must be 3.4 ounces or less. Due to CO2 <u>precaution</u> .
Hand warmers	Yes	–
Handcuffs	Yes	–
Harry Potter wand	Yes	–
Headphones	Yes	–
Heated jackets/sweaters	Yes	There are <u>regulation</u> <u>batteries</u> .
Heating pad (gel)	No	Only allowed in checked bags
Heating pads (electric)	Yes	–
Helmets	Yes	–

Hiking poles	No	Only allow checked b
Hockey sticks	No	Only allow checked b
Holiday lights	Yes	—
Holsters	Yes	—
Honey	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Hookahs	Yes	—
Hot plate	Yes	—
Hoverboards	Yes	Subject to airline rules
Hummus	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Ice	Yes	Must be frozen (under screening temperature) or less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml) to be carried on your carry-on
Ice axes/ice picks	No	Only allow checked bags
Ice cream	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Inhalers	Yes	—
Instant hot/cold packs	Yes	—
Insulin	Yes	—
Insulin pumps and glucose monitors	Yes	—
Insulin supplies	Yes	—
iPod	Yes	—

Jam and jelly	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Jewelry	Yes	—
Juice for babies	Yes	Allowed in quantities of 8 oz or less. Must be screened separately.
Juices	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Kirpans	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Knitting needles	Yes	—
Knives	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Kubatons	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Lacrosse sticks	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Laptops	Yes	—
Laser hair remover	Yes	—
Laser pointers	Yes	—
LED lights	Yes	—
License plate	Yes	—
Life vest	Yes	—
Light bulbs	Yes	—
Light saber	Yes	—
Lighter fluid	No	Not allowed in checked bags.
Lipsticks	Yes	—

Liquid bleach	No	Not allowed checked bags.
Liquid medications	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 mL). medical exceptions apply.
Liquid nitrogen in a dry shipper	Yes	The FAA requires liquid nitrogen to be packaged in a dry shipper with a DOT-3A transportation bag.
Liquid vitamins	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 mL).
Lithium batteries with 100 watt-hours or less in a device	Yes	Not allowed checked bags.
Lithium batteries with more than 100-watt hours	Yes	Subject to airline rules for items allowed in carry-on bags.
Lithium battery-powered lighters	Yes	Not allowed checked bags.
Live coral	Yes	Not allowed checked bags.
Live fish	Yes	Not allowed checked bags.
Live lobster	Yes	Subject to airline rules for items allowed in carry-on bags.
Lock picks	Yes	Must be less than 4 inches or kept in checked bags.
Longboards	Yes	Yes
Lotion	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 mL).

Luggage protection covers	Yes	Yes
Magic 8 Ball	No	Only allow checked b
Magnets	Yes	-
Makeup remover	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Makeup wipes	Yes	-
Mallets	No	Only allow checked b
Maple syrup	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Martial arts weapons	No	Only allow checked b
Mascara	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Massagers	Yes	-
Meat cleavers	No	Only allow checked b
Medical devices	Yes	Not allowed in checked b
Medical Marijuana	Yes	Must contain less than 0.3% THC. cannabis regulations
Medical masks	Yes	-
Medical-Clinical Thermometer (Mercury)	No	The FAA allows small Medical Thermometers (Mercury) for passenger use in checked b only.

Medically-necessary personal oxygen	Yes	Subject to airline rules allowed in bags.
Medications (liquid)	Yes	Large amounts must be declared.
Medications (pills)	Yes	—
Metal detector	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Microwave	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Mirrors	Yes	—
Mixer	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
MREs (meal, ready-to-eat)	Yes	—
Multi-tool without blades	Yes	—
Multi-tools	Yes	Knives are allowed on carry-on. Scissor blades less than 4 inches.
Nail clippers	Yes	—
Nail file (metal)	Yes	—
Nail guns	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Nail polish	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml).
Nail polish remover	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml).
Navigation GPS	Yes	—

Nebulizers, CPAPs, BiPAPs, and APAPs	Yes	–
Night sticks	No	Only allow checked b
Night vision goggles	Yes	–
Nitroglycerine pills	Yes	–
Non-spillable wet batteries	Yes	Maximum batteries t exceed 12 watt-hour
Nunchucks	No	Only allow checked b
Nuts	Yes	–
Oils and vinegars	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Paintings	Yes	–
Parachutes	Yes	–
Parts of guns and firearms	No	Allowed in carry-on bags depending on the airline's guidelines available.
Party poppers	No	–
Peanut butter	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Pellet guns	No	Allowed in carry-on bags depending on the airline's guidelines available.
Pen	Yes	–
Pencil sharpeners	Yes	–

Pepper spray	No	Only 1 4-ounce container of pepper spray allowed in luggage.
Perfume	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters).
Permeation devices for calibrating air quality	No	The FAA limits the quantity of materials to 2 milliliters (0.067 fluid ounces). The device and its packaging cannot weigh more than 30 kilograms (66 pounds) and must fit in a checked bag.
Pet food (solid)	Yes	—
Pet food (wet)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters).
Phone chargers	Yes	—
Pies and cakes	Yes	—
Pill cutter	Yes	—
Pillows	Yes	—
Pizza	Yes	—
Planting seeds	Yes	—
Plants	Yes	—
Play-Doh	Yes	—
Pocket knife	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Pool cues	No	Only allowed in checked bags.

Portable oxygen concentrators	Yes	See the list of approved oxygen concentrators
Pots and pans	Yes	Cast iron skillets go in a checked bag
Powder makeup	Yes	—
Power banks	Yes	Not allowed in a checked bag
Power charger	Yes	Not allowed in a checked bag
Power inverters	Yes	—
Printer	Yes	—
Printer ink	Yes	—
Projectors	Yes	—
Propane	No	Not allowed in a checked bag
Prosthetics	Yes	—
Protein or energy powders	Yes	—
Putty balls	Yes	—
Radio	Yes	—
Rainbow flame crystals	No	Only allowed in a checked bag
Razor-type blades	No	Only allowed in a checked bag
Realistic replicas of explosives	No	Not allowed in a checked bag
Realistic replicas of firearms	No	Only allowed in a checked bag

Realistic replicas of incendiaries	No	Not allowed checked bags
Recreational oxygen	No	Not allowed checked bags
Remote-controlled cars	Yes	–
Rifle scope (scope only)	Yes	–
Rifles	No	Read the safe instructions for firearms in bags .
Rocket launcher	No	Not allowed checked bags
Rocks	Yes	–
Rope	Yes	–
Sabers	No	Only allowed checked bags
Safety matches	Yes	Not allowed checked bags
Safety pin	Yes	–
Safety razor with blades (allowed without blade)	No	Only allowed checked bags
Salad dressing	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Salsa and sauces	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Salt	Yes	–
Samsung Galaxy Note 7	No	Not allowed checked bags
Sand	Yes	–
Sandwiches	Yes	–

Saws	No	Only allow checked b
Scissors	Yes	Must be less than 4 inches from the point.
Screwdriver (longer than 7 inches)	No	Only allow checked b
Screwdrivers (shorter than 7 inches)	Yes	—
Sea shells	Yes	—
Segways	Yes	Subject to airline rules
Self-defense sprays	No	Only 1 4-ounce container of pepper spray allowed in luggage.
Selfie stick	Yes	—
Sewing machine	Yes	—
Sewing needles	Yes	—
Shampoo	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Shaving cream (aerosol)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Shell casings	Yes	Empty shell casings are allowed under circumstances .
Shock collars	Yes	—
Shoe horn	Yes	—
Shoe inserts	Yes	—
Shoe tree	Yes	—

Shoe/snow spikes	No	Only allow checked b
Skateboards	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Skates	Yes	—
Ski poles	No	Only allow checked b
Sleeping bag	Yes	—
Slingshots	No	Only allow checked b
Small compressed gas cartridges	No	Not allowed checked b <u>Special exceptions for personal medical oxygen cylinders</u>
Small fishing lures	Yes	—
Small pets	Yes	Subject to airline rules
Small toy cars	Yes	—
Smart luggage	Yes	Subject to airline rules
Snack bar	Yes	—
Snacks	Yes	—
Snow cleats	No	Only allow checked b
Snow globes	Yes	Must be less than 10 ounces (100g)
Snowboards	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.

Snowshoes	Yes	—
Soap (bar)	Yes	—
Soap (liquid)	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Soda	Yes	—
Solar panels	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Solid candles	Yes	—
Solid foods	Yes	—
Solid makeup	Yes	—
Soups	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)
Sparklers	Yes	—
Speakers	Yes	—
Spear guns	No	Only allowed in checked bags
Spices (dry)	Yes	—
Spillable batteries	No	Not allowed in checked bags except those in wheelchairs
Sports cleats	Yes	—
Spray paint	No	Not allowed in checked bags
Spray starch	No	Not allowed in checked bags
Staplers	Yes	—

Starter pistols	No	Read specific instructions for firearms in bags.
Steel toe boots	Yes	—
Stick pins	Yes	—
Strike-anywhere matches	No	Not allowed in checked bags.
Stuffed animals	Yes	—
Stun guns/shocking devices	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Sunscreen sprays	Yes	—
Supplements	Yes	—
Support braces (knee, ankle, wrist, back)	Yes	—
Surge protector	Yes	—
Swiss Army knife	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Swords	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Tablets	Yes	—
Tactical pen	No	Only allowed in checked bags.
Tampons	Yes	—
Tape measures	Yes	—
Tattoo guns	Yes	—
Tattoo inks	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 oz (100 ml).
Tea (dry tea bags or loose tea leaves)	Yes	—

Tea kettle	Yes	–
Tear gas	No	Not allowed checked bags
Television	Yes	–
Tennis rackets	Yes	–
TENS unit	Yes	–
Tent	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Tent poles	Yes	Even if an item generally can be brought, officers make the final decision on whether an item is allowed through the checkpoint.
Tent spikes	No	Only allowed checked bags
Thermometer	Yes	–
Throwing stars	No	Only allowed checked bags
Tobacco	Yes	–
Tobacco pipes	Yes	–
Tools	Yes	Must be less than 4 inches or kept in checked bags
Toothbrush	Yes	–
Toothpaste	Yes	–
Torch lighters	No	Not allowed checked bags
Tortilla press	Yes	–

Toy guns and weapons	Yes	Technically allowed, but recommended to place them in checked bags.
Toy robots	Yes	—
Toys (adult)	Yes	—
Tripods	Yes	—
Trophy	Yes	—
Turpentine and paint thinner	No	Not allowed in checked bags.
Tweezers	Yes	—
Umbrellas	Yes	Must not exceed airline size limits.
Unused syringes	Yes	Must be declared to security officers.
Used syringes	Yes	—
Utensils	Yes	Plastic or non-bladed utensils are allowed. Knives must be in a checked bag.
Vacuum robots	Yes	—
Vacuum-sealed bags	Yes	—
Vehicle airbags	No	Not allowed in checked bags.
Violins	Yes	Subject to airline rules.
Vitamins	Yes	—
Waffle iron	Yes	—

Walkers	Yes	—
Walking sticks	No	Only allow checked bags
Wallet chains	Yes	—
Water for babies	Yes	Allowed in quantities' be screened separately
Weather Barometer or Thermometer (Mercury)	Yes	These devices more mercury consumer may only keep a representative government bureau or agency in baggage.
Wedding dress	Yes	Subject to airline rules
Wet wipes	Yes	—
Wheelchairs	Yes	—
Wine bottle	Yes	Must be in a bag (100 ml) or bottles and a single 1-quart bag to carry. Checked bags must have more than one (1.3 gallons) passenger unopened packaging.
Wrenches/pliers	Yes	Must be less than 4 inches or kept in checked bags
Xbox	Yes	—

Yoga mat	Yes	-
Yogurt	Yes	Must be less than 3.4 ounces (100 ml)

As you can see, there are a lot of things that are not allowed in your carry-on bag according to the TSA. A lot of it is pretty understandable, though — safety first!

TSA Bonus Tips

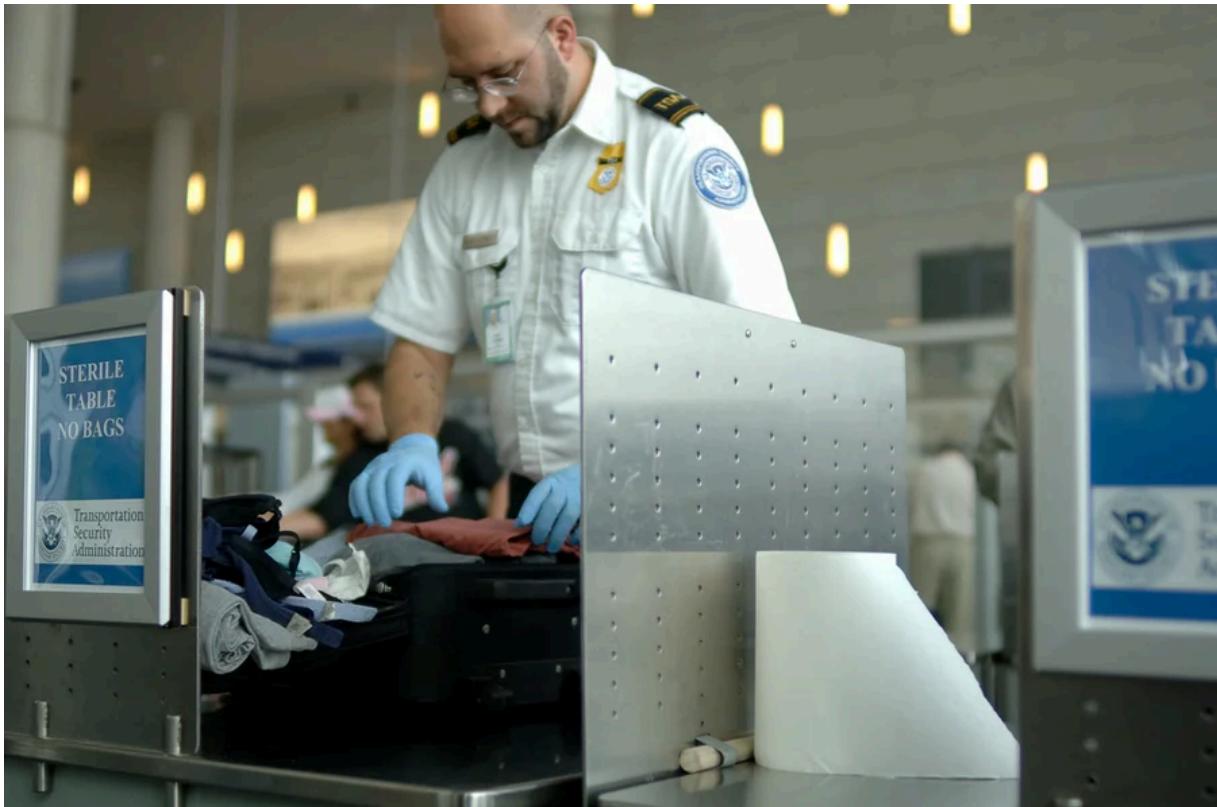


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Simple things like wearing easy-to-remove shoes, packing your laptop on top so you can scan it separately, and having your boarding pass and ID ready can save you valuable time when going through security.

But one of the best tips we can give to travelers is to sign up for [TSA PreCheck](#). The benefits can save you valuable time at the airport which means more time in the [lounges](#)! To top it off, most readers probably

already have a card that will [reimburse you for the cost of applying for Global Entry and TSA PreCheck](#).

And, as always, regardless of whether you have TSA PreCheck or not, having a [TSA-approved luggage lock](#) can save you time and hassle during the security process.

Hot Tip:

If you still have questions about TSA, we put together [80 FAQs](#) for you!

Final Thoughts

At the end of the day, the TSA rules above were made to make flying safer for everyone. It may seem extreme to some, but with some planning, the security process can be very quick and easy.

As long as you don't have a TSA-banned item in your carry-on, and you listen to the instructions of the officers, you should breeze through security on your next trip. For those that have taken advantage of TSA PreCheck, the process will be even easier.

As always, if you have any questions, leave them in the comments or join our official [Facebook Group](#) to chat with fellow travelers!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can you bring multiple 3oz bottles on a plane?



Yes, each passenger can bring as many 3-ounce bottles that fit in a 1-quart-sized bag.

Does toothpaste count as a liquid for TSA security?

No, toothpaste is not considered a liquid so it is not subject to the 3-1-1 rule.

Is mascara considered a liquid by TSA?

Yes, mascara is considered a liquid, therefore containers must be smaller than 3.4 ounces (100 ml).

What items are allowed and not allowed on airplanes?

There are hundreds of items that the TSA specifically lists that are either allowed or prohibited from flying. We have compiled a complete list of exactly what you can or can't bring on your next flight.

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