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What to Pack for a Vacation at the Beach

Getting the family ready for a week away from home can be stressful. Here's a handy checklist to help you get organized and worry free. Start the list as soon as you book your vacation. You can add to the list as you go along. When you return home, put the list in a safe place for next year's use. We suggest you check the 10 day forecast for your Cape May visit. Look for the Weather link on our home page under the Vacation Rental Quick Search and then get started!

Clothing

- ☐ Shoes – sandals, flip flop, tennis, walking, running
- ☐ Skirts, dress to mix & match
- ☐ Shorts & casual pants
- ☐ T shirts, both short & long sleeve
- ☐ Tank tops
- ☐ Athletic wear
- ☐ Hat - baseball cap or wide brim hat
- ☐ Light Jacket, wind-breaker or sweater
- ☐ Swim wear (2 so you always have a dry one), cover-up
- ☐ sleep wear
- ☐ Underwear, socks, etc.

Accessories

- ☐ Scarves & jewelry to stretch your wardrobe
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Travel umbrella

Personal Care Items

- ☐ Waterproof sunscreen
- ☐ Razor & shaving cream
- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
- ☐ Brush and/or comb
- ☐ Travel size shampoo & conditioner
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Prescription medicine
- ☐ Eyeglasses or lens prescription
- ☐ Contact lenses, lens case and solutions
- ☐ Cotton balls and/or swabs
- ☐ Feminine hygiene items
- ☐ Hair products such as gel or mousse
- ☐ Lotion/ sunburn cream
- ☐ Nail clippers, emery boards
- ☐ Vitamins

- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Laundry kit, travel antibacterial soap
- ☐ Buy or pack a small first aid kit that contains:
    - Band aids
    - Insect repellant
    - Anti-itch cream for bug bites
    - Aspirin
    - Antacid
    - Antihistamine
    - Diarrhea medicine
    - Motion sickness remedy
    - Aloe vera for sunburn

Work Items

- ☐ Laptop computer, battery, modem
- ☐ Cell phone, PDA and chargers, etc.

General House Supplies Needed

- ☐ Paper towels & napkins
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Dishwasher detergent
- ☐ Laundry detergent
- ☐ Salt & pepper
- ☐ Bath soap/ shampoo
- ☐ Bathroom tissue
- ☐ Kitchen garbage bags
- ☐ Coffee filters
- ☐ Coffee, sugar, creamer
- ☐ Zip lock bags – various sizes

Beach Fun

- ☐ Beach Towels
- ☐ Beach Umbrella
- ☐ Beach chairs
- ☐ Cooler
- ☐ Large family size blanket or quilt to spread out on beach
- ☐ Surfboard or boogie board
- ☐ Zip loc bags for shells (or wet bathing suits)
- ☐ Buckets & shovels, sand castle molds
- ☐ Beach games such as Frisbee, rubber ball, paddle ball

Hint: Use your beach bag as luggage. Pack all beach essentials in this bag so you’re ready to hit the beach with towels, sunscreen, sunglasses, and bathing suits.

Hint #2: Have everyone get a backpack ready with swimsuit and towel to go right to the beach or pool if arriving early.

Small Children List

- ☐ Video games & other distractions
- ☐ Snacks, dry foods & juice
- ☐ Coloring books, crayons, etc.

- ☐ VCR or DVD movies
- ☐ Playing cards, dice
- ☐ iPod, CD player, CD's

Hint: Make a small rainy day kit with cards, books, coloring books/ crayons, small crafts that can double as car travel entertainment.

Hint #2: Keep flip flops in the car for kids to wear at rest stops so they don't have to put their shoes on at every stop.

Don't Forget:

- ☐ Camera, batteries, film
- ☐ Bag for dirty clothes
- ☐ Room for souvenirs in your luggage
- ☐ Cell phone charger
- ☐ Reading Material

Miscellaneous

- ☐ Writing materials, stamps
- ☐ Friends & relatives addresses for postcards

For Baby

- ☐ Car seat
- ☐ Diaper bag
- ☐ Disposable diapers
- ☐ Changing pad
- ☐ Baby powder & lotion
- ☐ Wet wipes
- ☐ Bathing supplies
- ☐ Nursing & burp pads
- ☐ Bibs
- ☐ Baby food & spoon
- ☐ Bottles, nipples & caps
- ☐ Formula and/or juice
- ☐ Pacifiers
- ☐ Foldable stroller with canopy
- ☐ Front or back child carrying pack, or sling style
- ☐ Blankets

As You are Leaving:

- ☐ Close all windows and lock
- ☐ Unplug small appliances
- ☐ Make sure all water is turned off, including outside faucets.
- ☐ Check A/C or heat setting.