To find out what you can pack, visit: DON'T PACK A PEST.com

GUIDELINES FOR TRAVELERS

WHAT IS DON’T PACK A PEST AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The Don’t Pack a Pest program helps to educate international travelers about the risks associated with bringing certain types of food, plants, and agricultural items in passenger luggage and care packages into the United States.

If you are not careful, you might unknowingly help pests and diseases hitchhike on items you travel with or ship. These pests and diseases can potentially harm crops, forests, animals, and the environment.

It takes only one person to spread harmful invasive pests. When packing for international travels, learn what food, plant, and animal items are prohibited by visiting DonPackaPest.com. Help protect our food supply and natural resources!

ON YOUR TRIP

Some seemingly harmless items such as dried soup mixes (including ramen noodles) that contain meat are generally prohibited. See inside for more travel tips and other examples of prohibited items.

When you arrive in the United States, you might see trained agriculture detector dogs. They help sniff out plants, food, and other agricultural items that travelers might have in their bags.

NOT DECLARING AGRICULTURAL ITEMS CAN RESULT IN A PENALTY OF UP TO $1,000 FOR A FIRST TIME OFFENSE AND MORE FOR THE SECOND OFFENSE.

Declare all food, plants, and agricultural items when you arrive to the United States.

HOW TO DECLARE

Declare: To tell a U.S. Customs officer whether you are carrying any food or agricultural items or if you visited a farm while in another country.

Use the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Declaration Form (6059B) or the Mobile Passport App.

If eligible, use a self-service electronic kiosk after you get off the plane.

Tell a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official before inspection if you are carrying any food or agricultural products in your bags or on your person.

U. S. Customs and Border Protection officials can check your items. This is the only way to be certain that your items are free of pests and diseases.

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EXAMPLES OF GENERALLY PROHIBITED ITEMS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture restricts or prohibits many food and agricultural products from other countries because they could carry harmful pests or diseases (such as highly pathogenic avian influenza or invasive fruit flies) into the United States.

PLANTS, SEEDS, AND SOIL
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
NATURAL MEDICINES
WOOD

PLANTS, SEEDS, AND SOIL may require a phytosanitary certificate or permit
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES dietary and nutritional supplements containing animal ingredients
NATURAL MEDICINES wood products and handicrafts
WOOD

PACKING TIPS

Before you pack, it is important to learn whether your items are prohibited.
Remember, many items are available in the United States and do not need to be packed.
Do not pack meat products or fresh fruits and vegetables without first checking to see what is allowed.

EXAMPLE PESTS

FRUIT FLY
The eggs and larvae of highly invasive plant pests such as the Mediterranean fruit fly can hide inside fruits and vegetables.

KHAPRA BEETLE
Khapra beetle is a destructive pest of stored grains and seeds. Rice, soybeans, and safflower seeds are prohibited from countries where the beetle occurs.

DISCLAIMER:
U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations are subject to change at any time and they can change quickly in response to pest or disease outbreaks in other countries.

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