To find out what you can pack, visit: 
www.dontpackapest.com/Travel-Guidelines

DON'T PACK A PEST

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 animal diseases and plant pests hitchhike on items you travel with or ship. These diseases and pests can potentially harm crops, forests, animals, and the environment.

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

SAFE AND HAPPY TRAVELS!

GUIDELINES FOR TRAVELERS

Not declaring agricultural items can result in a penalty of up to $1,000 per first time offense and more for the second offense. REMEMBER: DECLARE!

You will not be penalized if you declare.

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-safe and happy travels!
DECLARE FOOD, PLANTS, AND AGRICULTURAL ITEMS

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

When packing for international travels, it is important to know which items are prohibited.

- Do not pack fresh fruits and vegetables
- Do not pack meat products
- Always declare all food, plants, and agricultural items when you arrive to the United States

These guidelines are just examples of generally prohibited agricultural products.

When in doubt, remember these three tips:
- Do not pack fresh fruits and vegetables
- Do not pack meat products
- Always declare all food, plants, and agricultural items when you arrive to the United States

PACKING TIPS

Before you pack, learn whether your items are prohibited

Remember, many items do not need to be packed because they are available at stores in the United States

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 that occur in other countries.

EXAMPLES OF GENERALLY PROHIBITED ITEMS

PLANTS AND SEEDS

WOOD

NATURAL MEDICINES

DAIRY PRODUCTS

may require a phytosanitary certificate or permit

wood products and handicrafts

dietary and nutritional supplements containing animal ingredients

except hard cheese

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

MEATS

SOIL

RAW EGGS

DRIED SOUP MIXES

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.

Tips:

- Before you pack, learn whether your items are prohibited
- Remember, many items do not need to be packed because they are available at stores in the United States

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THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST. CHECK WWW.DONTPACKAPEST.COM/TRAVEL-GUIDELINES TO LEARN WHETHER YOUR ITEMS ARE ALLOWED.