TSA Ban on Liquids and Gels – Permitted and Prohibited Items

Due to enhanced security measures liquids, gels, lotions and other items of similar consistency will not be permitted in carry-on baggage. These types of items must be packed in your checked baggage. Additionally, liquids, gels and lotions purchased beyond the checkpoint must be disposed of before boarding the aircraft.

To ensure the health and welfare of certain air travelers the following items are permitted:

- Small amounts of Baby formula and breast milk if a baby or small child is traveling
- Liquid prescription medicine with a name that matches the passenger’s ticket
- Up to 8 oz. of liquid or gel low blood sugar treatment
- Up to 4 oz. of essential non-prescription liquid medications
- Gel-filled bras and similar prosthetics worn for medical reasons

You are permitted to bring solid cosmetics and personal hygiene items as such lipstick, lip balm and similar solids. Please remember these items must be solid and not liquid, gel or aerosol.

Only the items mentioned above are permitted in your carry-on bags. If you have questions or doubts on certain items, place those in your checked baggage.

We encourage everyone to pack gel-filled bras in their checked baggage. We recognize the sensitivity of the issue and we are reaching out to key women’s medical associations to assist passengers and make information available to them while respecting their privacy. Passengers with medical gel prosthetics will be permitted through the security checkpoint.

Please keep in mind that while we can not provide an exhaustive list of items that covering all eventualities, all liquids, gels, or aerosols of any kind are prohibited at security checkpoints, in airport sterile areas, and aboard aircraft. You can pack these items in your checked baggage.

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.
Prohibited Items

To help you understand what you should or should not bring in your carry-on baggage, we have provided the following list of common items you may be traveling with. Remember, liquids, gels and aerosols are prohibited. Please leave those items at home or pack them in your checked baggage.

Makeup and Personal Items

Aerosol spray bottles and cans
All creams and lotions including Neosporin or first-aid creams and ointments, topical or rash creams and ointments, suntan lotions, moisturizers, etc. Bug and mosquito sprays and repellents
Eye drops (see exceptions below)
Deodorants made of gel or aerosol
Hair styling gels and spray of all kinds including aerosol
Hair straightener or detangler
Lip gels such as Carmex or Blistex
Liquid lip glosses or other liquids for lips
Liquid bubble bath including gel or liquid filled
bubble bath balls or bath oils or moisturizers
Liquid foundations
Liquid, gel or spray perfumes or colognes
Liquid sanitizers
Liquid soaps
Liquid mascara
Make up removers or facial cleansers
Non-prescription liquid or gel medicines like cough syrup and gel cap type pills (see below section on Medications)
Mouthwash
Nail polish and removers
Saline solution (see exceptions below)
Shampoos and conditioners
Toothpaste

Food and Drinks

All beverages
Cheese in pressurized containers
Duty free alcohol and other items
Gel based sports supplements
Jell-O’s
Pudding
Whipped cream
Yogurt or gel like food substances
Other Items
Gel-type candles
Gel shoe inserts (see exceptions below)
Lighters

Medications
Prescription medicine with a name that matches the passenger’s ticket, up to 5 oz. of liquid or gel low blood sugar treatment (including juice), and up to 4 oz. of non-prescription liquid medications are permitted.

If you need more than 5 oz. of liquid or gel low blood sugar treatments or 4 oz. of non-prescription medications please pack amounts in excess of those described above in your checked baggage.

Non liquid or gel medications of all kinds such as solid pills, or inhalers are allowed through the security checkpoint once they have been screened. Please make sure your medications are labeled.

We normally X-ray medication and related supplies. However, as a customer service, you may ask that Security Officers visually inspect your medication and associated supplies.

- You must ask for visual inspection before the screening process begins; otherwise your medications and supplies will be X-rayed.
- If you would like to take advantage of this option, please have your medication and associated supplies separated from your other property in a separate pouch/bag when you approach the Security Officer at the walk-through metal detector.
- Ask the Security Officer to visually inspect your medication and hand your medication pouch/bag to him or her.
- To prevent your medication, associated supplies or fragile medical materials for contamination or damage, we will ask you to display, handle, and repack your own medication and associated supplies during visual inspection. Any medication and/or associated supplies that we can’t clear visually will be X-rayed. If you refuse, you will not be permitted to carry your medications and related supplies into the sterile area.
Traveling With Children

Baby formula and breast milk 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.

You or your baby or toddler will not be asked to test or taste breast milk or formula. Our Security Officers will not test or taste formula or breast milk.

You are allowed to bring gel or liquid-filled teethers.

Canned, jarred, or processed baby food is permitted in your carry-on baggage and aboard your plane.

Please note that juice and all other liquids or gels are not permitted.

For information on creams, medicines, or other essential items for your child, please read our guidance on these items at www.tsa.gov.

Liquids and gels, including baby formula or breast milk, may be packed in your luggage and checked with your airline. You are encouraged to travel with only as much formula or breast milk needed to reach your destination.

Exceptions

Under certain circumstances, some items from the list above are permitted. To help you understand more about these items and the circumstances under which they are permitted please read below.

Eye drops - You are allowed to carry up to 4 oz., of eye drops with you. Volumes greater than 4 oz. are only permitted in your checked baggage.

Gel Shoe Inserts - Gel shoe inserts are not permitted, but shoes constructed with gel heels are allowed and must be removed and screened.

Prescription and non-prescription medications and other medical needs

Saline solution - You are allowed to carry up to 4 oz., of eye drops with you. Volumes greater than 4 oz. are only permitted in your checked baggage.

Baby formula and food, breast milk and other baby items