



Organize your travel essentials to save time and money

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Pack your travel essentials once and refill often to save time and money

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Are you a road warrior? If you do a fair amount of overnight travel, whether for work or play, you may already have noticed that you spend a too much time packing and unpacking the same items before and after each trip:

- toiletries,
- cell phone and computer power cables,
- frequently used remedies and prescriptions.

Solution: create a travel kit that contains duplicates of these travel essentials, and keep it in a handy spot in a bathroom cabinet.

Also include, depending on your comfort needs away from home:

- teabags in your favorite flavor,
- the "right color" sweetener packets,
- antibiotic ointment,
- antiseptic gel,
- cotton swabs,
- a variety of sizes of bandage strips,
- a manicure kit, and
- a hotel-size sewing kit.

All will come in handy at one time or another, and all serve multiple purposes.

If you travel frequently by air, your kit should include containers that will satisfy the 3.4 oz/100 ml limit on liquids and gels permitted for entry through security at an airport. Consider buying refillable containers, all clearly labeled, that you check and replenish at the end of each trip.

Bonus: you'll discover just how long these items last, making you more aware of your consumption ("I need this much for a week away from home"). And, you can buy bulk-sized containers of liquid and get products, for example, to use at home and to refill your travel containers. What a savings of time and money!

Helpful resources:

- An updated list of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) [guidelines for air travelers](#)
- A source of [TSA-approved refillable plastic bottles](#) for your liquids and gels
- A checklist for [packing light](#), including toiletries
- A checklist [just for toiletries](#), including blanks for your special items

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