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## Non-Allowable Items

Before your possessions are packed and loaded, it is important that you understand which items cannot be shipped because they represent a hazard or are perishable. Listed below are some common non-allowable items that you will need to address prior to your pack and load dates.

### Items of Personal Importance or Sentimental Value

*This category of non-allowable can create problems should your shipment be delayed or items lost. We suggest that irreplaceable items and/or sentimental items be carried with you instead of being packed with your shipment.*

Examples include:

- Airline tickets, passports, birth certificates, Social Security cards
- Car keys, house keys, safe keys
- Cell phones, tablets, laptops, hard drives, backup drives
- Checkbooks, cash/currency, credit cards
- School, medical, and dental records
- Legal documents, wills, tax records
- Stocks, bonds, IRAs, financial documents, deeds, car titles
- Professional files and insurance policies
- Prescription medication
- Address books and personal records
- Jewelry, antiques, collectibles (coins, stamps, etc.)
- Family photographs, wedding albums, personal videos, digital media
- Electronics, media devices, remotes, and chargers

### Helpful Tip

You should empty your refrigerators and freezers and keep appliance doors open for at least 24 hours prior to loading. This allows appliances to dry and helps prevent mold growth.

### Hazardous Materials

*Items that are flammable, corrosive, or explosive.*

Examples include:

- Sterno, matches, kerosene, gasoline, propane
- Fireworks, charcoal, charcoal lighter fluid
- Ammunition, gunpowder, loaded firearms
- Lamp oils, candles, wax items
- Fire extinguishers, aerosols
- Cleaning solvents, ammonia, bleach
- Nail polish and nail polish remover
- Paint (latex & oil-based), paint thinner
- Household batteries, lithium batteries, power banks
- E-bike/scooter batteries
- Chemistry sets, darkroom chemicals, pool chemicals
- Motor oil, car batteries
- Fertilizer, pesticides, poisons (e.g., weed killer)
- Alcohol/liquor
- Oxygen tanks or medical gas cylinders
- Vape pens and e-cigarettes

### Perishables

*Food, plants or living things that may die or spoil in transit.*

Examples include:

- Frozen or refrigerated food
- Produce and open or half-used foods
- Plants
- Open liquids
- Pet food
- Live animals or pets
- Aquariums or fish tanks with water/live fish

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