

## Family Vacation Packing List

Following is a list that has grown over the years after renting accommodations for large groups in different states. This is not a basic packing list; instead, it's designed to jog your memory for things you take for granted that you have at home that you may need while away.

- Several things can be crossed off by simply contacting the facility ahead of time to see if these are provided.
- Tip: If they say they provide a consumable item, find out how much they provide! Two trash bags is not going to last long, in a house filled with 20+ people, for instance.
- You might be able to split some of this up among the people in your party...you know, you bring all the coffee stuff while your sister or friend brings paper plates, cups, and utensils.

I hope this is useful to you and your family, as it has been to ours. If you have any suggestions, I would love to hear them! You can contact me at [mary@kennedyfamfive.com](mailto:mary@kennedyfamfive.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

## Kitchen

- coffee
- coffee filters
- cream
- sugar
- disposable coffee cups/lids
- salt/pepper
- condiments
- plastic utensils
- paper plates
- solo cups
- Sharpie marker (doesn't everyone write their name on their solo cups at family gatherings?!) )
- chip clips
- aluminum foil
- dishwasher detergent
- Dawn dish soap
- hand soap
- Clorox wipes/disinfectant
- trash bags
- paper towels
- Ziploc bags (I put 3-4 of every size inside a gallon bag)
- trivets/hot oven mitts
- pots and pans
- cooking utensils (such as spatulas, turners)
- colander

## Tech-y

- battery chargers for all your devices
- surge protectors

## Bath

- hair dryer
- Kleenex
- meds/first aid kit
- hand soap
- toilet paper
- bath towels

## General

- mattress cover
- journal (our family takes the same one every year and we try to get everybody to write in it at some point during the trip)
- clothes detergent
- an empty tote bag for coming back home--our stuff seems to multiply on vacation
- pair of scissors

## Outdoor

- beach chairs
- sunscreen
- cooler
- bottled water/sports drinks/Cokes (also known as "sodas")
- matches/lighter
- charcoal