



BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME CHECKLIST

The last little things are usually the things that try to get left behind.

THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Charge phones, watches, tablets and power banks
- Check airline / cruise / transfer details
- Put medications with your carry-on
- Finish packing carry-on / personal bags
- Check weather for home, transit points and destination
- Empty perishable trash and handle dishes
- Set alarms and confirm departure time
- Place passports / required IDs together
- Confirm wallet, cards and cash
- Set out travel-day clothing and shoes
- Confirm pet / house / mail arrangements
- Move anything you must remember near the door

BEFORE YOU WALK OUT THE DOOR

- Turn off / unplug appropriate small appliances
- Close and lock windows
- Turn off unnecessary lights
- Check refrigerator for perishables
- Lock exterior doors
- Take a last bathroom / bedroom sweep
- Check stove / oven
- Adjust thermostat as planned
- Take out trash
- Water plants / complete pet instructions
- Secure garage / vehicles
- Make sure every travel bag made it to the car

BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT OR PORT

- Check flight / cruise-line app for current information
- Allow extra travel time for traffic, parking and check-in
- Make sure luggage tags are attached as instructed
- Check needed glasses / contacts / mobility items
- Confirm airport / cruise terminal and transportation plan
- Confirm hotel information if arriving the day before
- Keep documents and medications OUT of checked luggage
- Make one final count of bags and travelers

STOP - PHYSICAL CHECK BEFORE YOU LEAVE

DO YOU PHYSICALLY HAVE THESE ITEMS WITH YOU?

- PASSPORT / REQUIRED PHOTO ID
- WALLET
- CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS & CASH
- PRESCRIPTION & ESSENTIAL MEDICATIONS
- PHONE
- TRAVEL DOCUMENTS / BOARDING INFORMATION
- HOUSE & CAR KEYS
- CARRY-ON BAG

DON'T ASSUME IT'S PACKED. PUT YOUR HAND ON IT BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

One last Heather & Joe reminder:

A two-minute physical check now is much easier than discovering something important is still sitting on the kitchen counter after you've left.