

Camping Packing Checklist

Checklist · 36 items · 9 sections

The complete camping packing checklist for car and tent camping. Organized by category so you can load your car and arrive at the campsite with everything you need.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/camping-packing-checklist>

SHELTER

- Tent with all poles, stakes, and rain fly

HIGH

Set up the tent at home first to confirm all parts are present

- Tent footprint or tarp (protects tent floor, extends tent life)
- Canopy or screen house (for bug-free outdoor dining)

SLEEP

- Sleeping bag (rated for the expected low temperature)

HIGH

- Sleeping pad or air mattress

HIGH

- Pillow (camping pillow or stuff-sack pillow)
- Extra blanket (temperatures drop at night even in summer)

COOKING

- Camp stove and fuel canisters

HIGH

- Cookware set: pot, pan, and lid

HIGH

- Plates, bowls, mugs, and utensils

HIGH

- Camp knife or multi-tool

HIGH

- Cutting board

- Cooler with ice or ice packs

HIGH

- Camping chairs (one per person)
HIGH
- Folding camp table
- Biodegradable dish soap and scrub brush
HIGH

FOOD & WATER

- Food: plan meals for each day plus snacks and emergency food
HIGH
- Water: at least 2 liters per person per day (more if hiking)
HIGH
- Water filter or purification tablets (if water source available at campsite)
- Coffee or tea supplies (camp mornings are better with hot drinks)

CLOTHING

- Weather-appropriate clothing: layers even in summer
HIGH
- Rain jacket or poncho
HIGH
- Hiking boots or trail shoes
HIGH
- Wool or synthetic socks (2 pairs per day)
HIGH
- Hat: sun hat and warm beanie
- Swimsuit (if lake or river access)

LIGHTING & FIRE

- Headlamp with extra batteries (one per person)
HIGH
- Lantern (battery or propane) for campsite lighting
HIGH
- Lighter and waterproof matches
HIGH
- Firewood (or axe/saw if chopping your own: check campsite rules)

SAFETY & HEALTH

- First aid kit: blister care, antihistamine, pain reliever, insect sting treatment

HIGH

- Insect repellent (DEET or picaridin)

HIGH

- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)

HIGH

HYGIENE

- Toilet paper and trowel (for dispersed camping without facilities)

HIGH

- Hand sanitizer and biodegradable camp soap

HIGH

LEAVE NO TRACE

- Trash bags: pack out all waste

HIGH