

Holiday Travel

Taking The Wrinkles Out Of Holiday Travel

(NAPSA)—When you pack a suitcase for holiday travel, be sure to leave behind one item—the wrinkles. The following tips from Rowenta, Inc., a leading manufacturer of high-performance irons, will help make unpacking your suitcase a pleasant experience rather than a wrinkled disappointment.

Step #1: Suitcase Selection

Many travelers are unaware that the suitcase itself is a consideration when it comes to the “wrinkle factor.” Use the following as a guide when selecting your suitcase, keeping in mind that suitcases should be packed tightly to prevent items from shifting and wrinkling during transport.

Hard luggage:

Benefits—offers clothes greater protection when suitcase is tossed about.

Drawbacks—cannot be packed as tightly as a soft bag.

Soft luggage:

Benefits—offers greater flexibility around the sides; can be packed more tightly than hard luggage; can accommodate last minute additions more easily.

Drawbacks—doesn't provide the same protection to the clothes as the hard luggage.

Garment bags:

Benefits—allows clothes to hang as they would in the closet, minimizing wrinkles created by folding.

Drawbacks—doesn't offer the same protection to the clothes as the hard luggage.

Step #2: Packing The Clothes

Once suitcase selection is completed, use the following tips as a guide to properly pack your carefully folded clothes for minimal wrinkles when you arrive at your destination.

- **Be sure to iron all items before packing them.** Clothes don't have a chance of being wrinkle-free when they come out of the suitcase if they're rumpled going in.

- **Use common sense when**



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choosing what to pack first. Items on the bottom will have to absorb the full weight of the clothes placed on top. Sweaters, jeans or jogging clothes are recommended as items to “line” the bottom, with lighter or more wrinkle-prone clothing on top.

- **Place tissue paper or plastic dry cleaner bags between the folds of the clothes when you pack.** This helps to prevent wrinkles from forming.

- **Keep shoes in plastic bags so as not to dirty the clean packed clothes.** The soles of the shoes should face the walls of the suitcase to provide maximum protection and lend structure to the other packed garments, minimizing wrinkles.

- **Pack socks and underwear inside shoes or inside the collars of dress shirts.** This saves space and protects other items from being crushed and wrinkled.

Even the most careful packer will encounter one or two unavoidable wrinkles. To be sure to look your best, include a travel iron, such as the new Rowenta, on your packing list.

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