

OCONUS PCS: Express Shipment (Unaccompanied Baggage) Packing Suggestions

This will be the first wave of your belongings to reach you after you've moved into your permanent housing. You may be using these items anywhere between a week to several months (although, let's hope it isn't that long) until your household goods arrive. Your list may look slightly different than my family's — I tried to include things that we typically use on a daily basis.

Note that what you bring must meet your weight allotment which is a portion of your household goods weight.

1. Iron and ironing board
2. Clothing
3. Dehumidifiers
4. Folding tables
5. Flashlights
6. Step stool
7. Vacuum
8. Mop
9. Trash cans
10. Power strips or extension cords
11. Printer (and paper)
12. Lamps
13. Curtains — especially for bedrooms
14. Blankets
15. One or two area rugs — especially for houses with no carpet
16. Hangers
17. Laundry basket and hamper
18. Basic tools — hammer, screw drivers, scissors, pliers
19. Extra bath towels
20. Extra set of sheets for each bed
21. TV
22. DVD or Blu-ray player (and a few new movie options)
23. A pot, pan and baking dish
24. One or two cooking utensils — wooden spoons, spatulas, tongs, knives, pizza slicer, etc.
25. Strainer
26. Cutting board
27. Extra kitchen towels
28. Coffee maker
29. Mixer
30. Mixing bowls
31. Can and bottle openers
32. Microwave — not necessary if provided in your housing
33. Toaster
34. Measuring spoons and cups
35. Slow cooker

36. Plastic food storage
37. A basic set of plates, bowls, cups (including coffee cups) and silverware
38. Bikes
39. Tire pump
40. A few more toys (indoor and outdoor)