

Are You Ready For Vacation??

Tossing your kids and caboodle in the car and taking off on a hard-earned vacation is as American as apple pie.

The summer season is traditionally the busiest driving season of the year as vacationing Americans hit the road.

More than half of them will travel with kids, according to an annual survey by the U.S. Travel Data Center. These families will head to the beach (60%), campgrounds (41%) and resorts (33%).

In the excitement and relief of going away, it's easy to forget something as simple as locking the doors or packing a toothbrush.

We've compiled a list of reminders of things to do or take to ensure that your trip is the great American getaway.

The Car

- Did I check the tires?
- Did I check the car's bodily fluids?
- Did I check the engine?
- Did I check the brakes?
- Do all the lights work?
- Is my battery in good condition?
- Are my wipers O.K.?
- Is my cooling system O.K.?
- Did I pack a tool kit?

The Kids

- Did they visit the bathroom?
- Are they in the car?
- Did I pack snacks?
- Did I bring entertainment?
- Did I supply comfort?

The House

- Did I lock the doors?
- Is the mail taken care of?
- Are the pets taken care of?
- Does the house seem occupied?

Personal Stuff

- Did I pack grooming items?
- Did I pack sunscreen?
- Did I pack medicine?
- Did I pack prescription glasses?
- Is my camera loaded?
- Did I make reservations?
- What about directions?
- Did I overpack?