

Household Goods: Information and Suggestions for Shipments

MUST KNOW INFORMATION FOR SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

- ✚ Please Note: **Okinawa is a weight-restricted area.** Accompanied Service Members (including Navy attached to a USMC unit) are restricted to 2,500 lbs. or 25% of their JTR weight allowance, whichever is greater. Unaccompanied Service Members (including Navy attached to a USMC unit) are restricted to 600 lbs.
- ✚ Per the JTR, Navy personnel not attached to a USMC unit are allowed to bring their full HHG weight allowance.
- ✚ Once you have been found **medically suitable for your overseas tour**, you are encouraged to begin the process of shipping your household items by visiting www.move.mil to create/update your account on DPS.
- ✚ It is encouraged to perform a self-counseling to reduce friction and facilitate better planning before scheduling your appointment with the Distribution Management Office (DMO).
- ✚ Please note: **Funded Orders and a copy of your Approved Area Clearance/Dependent Entry Approval (DEA)** may be required to schedule your appointment with DMO and finalize your shipment of Household Goods (HHGs).
- ✚ For additional information please contact your nearest Distribution Management Office (DMO).

****Please keep in mind that the housing units and billeting rooms in Okinawa are smaller than those in the states****

SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPRESS SHIPMENT

- ✓ 42-inch TV or smaller, DVD /Blu-ray Player and a few favorite DVDs.
- ✓ Baby crib or Play Pen. (Item has to be under 42 inches in diameter when disassembled).
- ✓ Lamps and small fans.
- ✓ Space heater: the majority of off-base housing units do not have built-in heaters.
- ✓ Bedding: double & twin size sheets, blankets, pillows and pillow casings).
- ✓ Linens, enough to make it through the week to avoid frequent trips to the laundry.
- ✓ Set of dishes (enough for you or your entire family to use).
- ✓ Pots, pans, and cooking utensils.
- ✓ Mixing bowls and colanders (strainers).
- ✓ Measuring cups and measuring spoons.
- ✓ Blender, coffee machine, microwave and toaster.
- ✓ Laundry basket, small ironing board, and iron.
- ✓ Clothing to include rain gear and summer clothes. Okinawa is extremely hot and humid during the summer time. Pack a combination of clothing to include a warm jacket as weather varies dramatically.
- ✓ Children's items (i.e. toys and their personal belongings).
- ✓ Small rugs and a few carpets as tile over concrete is the standard floor in most homes.
- ✓ Any other essential items needed within the first 30-60 days.

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- ✓ Additional clothes and shoes not packed in the express shipment.
- ✓ Additional kitchenware not packed in the express shipment.
- ✓ Pet supplies and other pet items (if applicable).
- ✓ If weight restricted, check the list of government furniture, <http://www.housing.af.mil/Units/Okinawa/furnishingsmanagement/> to save on weight allowance.
- ✓ Bedroom set or mattresses (if you have comfortable ones). The government ones are standard quality.
- ✓ Living room set, if not too heavy. The government ones tend to be small and are standard quality.
- ✓ Large rugs, carpets, and household/holiday décor.
- ✓ Bathroom sets such as bathroom rugs, additional towels and shower caddies.
- ✓ Keep books to a minimum unless they are part of your professional equipment.
- ✓ Dehumidifiers are great to have as it is very humid in Okinawa.
- ✓ CDs, DVDs, and board games are a must to have during bad weather or Typhoon Season.
- ✓ Anything you will need to live on for the next 2-3 years.

This serves as general list of suggestions for the shipment of HHGs. For additional policies relating to your HHGs shipment please contact your local Distribution Management Office.