**Dos & Don’ts for Your Thanksgiving Air Travel**

In this era of heightened concern about security, air travelers can expect to spend even more time at the airport -- especially since the upcoming holiday seasons are always the busiest times of the year.

Here are some tips to help make your travel smoother:

**DO:** Where you can, use public transportation to the airport. If you’re planning to drive to the airport, it is a good idea to call your local airport and check the parking availability.

**DO:** Travel light. As you close in on your travel dates, those who are flying should remember that packing light is more important than ever due to both security issues and exorbitant baggage fees.

**DON’T:** Bring holiday foods in your carry-on -- you are not going to be able to get it through airport security. Gift baskets with food items over carry-on size will not get through, either.

**DON’T:** Check bags. If you can avoid checking baggage, it will save you time at the airport and also ensure that you have everything you need in case of an emergency. It is not uncommon during the holiday season for flights to be significantly delayed or even canceled. Having the basics with you, including change of clothes, sample-sized toiletries and your medications, can help make delays a lot more bearable.

**DO:** Schedule extra time for checking luggage or bulky items, such as car seats and skis/snowboards. Confusion about carry-on rules regarding liquids and gels mean airlines and passengers are struggling with more checked baggage during an already busy travel time.

**A list of items to keep with you or in a carry-on:**
- Charger cords, headphones or ear buds, electronics loaded with your favorite entertainment options – or, a book.

**Turn Off Your Alarm**
- There are not many things more jarring than being rudely awoken in the wee hours of the night by a screaming alarm, especially when it is not yours. If you have an alarm clock that is not the one on your phone, make sure you turn it off before you skip town. Or else you might return to find a very unhappy neighbor.

_1200 Teddy Bear and Toy Drive_

During this holiday season, the UCI Police Department is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys and teddy bears suitable for infants or children up to age 14.

Your generous gifts will help comfort children receiving care at UC Irvine Health and other Orange County children’s organizations.

Donations are accepted until Wednesday, December 12th, at the following locations:

- UCI Police Department
- University Hills Community Center
- Local children’s organizations and hospitals are always in need of additional toys and teddy bears. The need is especially critical for children who have to be away from their homes and families during the holidays.

For additional information or questions, please contact Cedric Young at ckyoung@uci.edu.

_Your donation will be greatly appreciated!_

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**Ride the Holiday Shuttle for Thanksgiving Break**

UCI Transportation is pleased to offer their complimentary shuttle service to support your travel plans during the Thanksgiving break. Service will be provided between the main campus and John Wayne Airport, and between the main campus and the Irvine Transportation Center (Metrolink/Amtrak Station).

The shuttle will depart UCI at set times on Tuesday, November 20th and Wednesday, November 21st. Return service will be available at set times on Sunday, November 25th and Monday, November 26th. Please consult the schedule and make your reservation today. For questions regarding the Holiday Shuttle, please email rideshare@uci.edu.

_We look forward to easing your travel stress during the upcoming campus break._
Sawdust Winter Fantasy Art and Craft Festival
November 17, 18, 23, 24 & 25
December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16
10AM TO 7PM
The Winter Fantasy festival grounds will be transformed into a winter wonderland where 175 artists create, display and sell original creations and offers the most unique holiday shopping. Art media includes jewelry, clothing, ceramics, fused and blown glass, woodwork, forged metals, painting, photography, sculpture, clothing and textiles. Amazing art gifts, thousands of holiday decorations and picture-perfect moments - the Sawdust’s Winter Fantasy will become your family’s holiday tradition.

Sawdust Art Festival
935 Laguna Canyon Rd
Laguna Beach, CA 92651
(949) 494-3030
https://sawdustartfestival.org/

Tips when leaving for your Holiday Trip
Are you the frantic last minute planner, packer, or “did I remember to turn off the iron?” type person? There is still much to remember when leaving for a trip that you are bound to forget something. Here are some tips to help:

• Provide the Palo Verde Office with the names and picture ID of those who have keys to enter your home for feeding of cats, etc. in case of a lock-out.
• Before leaving home, make sure you lock all your windows and doors. An open window, visible from the street may be the sole reason for an apartment to be selected by a burglar.
• Make sure baseboard heaters and all appliances are turned off - stove, oven, coffeemaker, iron, etc.
• Make sure you turn off all your alarm clocks.
• Unplug expensive home electronics, computers and other devices that might be damaged by a power surge.
• Disconnect Internet access to computers.
• Take out the kitchen trash, or any other trash that could get smelly.
• Provide friends and neighbors with your itinerary and relevant phone/fax numbers.
• If traveling by auto, have you car thoroughly serviced and the tires checked.
• Make sure you have your tickets, medications, passports/visas, photo ID’s, and money before you walk out the door.

OC Chill at Irvine Spectrum
November 2, 2018 through January 7, 2019
Irvine Spectrum Center has transformed into a winter wonderland with its outdoor OC Chill Ice Rink. Now open, visitors can enjoy the 47 foot by 72 foot rink.

Prices are: $20 for adults and children (includes skate rentals), $18 (if you bring your own skates), $16 for toddlers (includes double-blade ice skate rental - sizes 10 Child, 11C, 12C, 1Y & 2Y only). Skate sessions are 75 minutes. Helmets are optional and provided free of charge.

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Protect your home before leaving on your Holiday Trip
According to research, criminals are likely to target people who somehow reveal information about their daily routine. Technology — in the form of Facebook, Twitter, GPS-enabled cell phones, and blogs have created many more ways to divulge sensitive information and make it available to an exponentially larger group of people.

Make sure that all your privacy settings are high, do not post pictures of where you live, and do not announce big purchases. Make it a rule to wait until after you return to disclose your whereabouts or how great your trip was.

When you do see a friend’s post, tweet, or blog entry that makes it clear you will be away, let them know it is a bad idea.

Prevent litter - The next time you are tempted to just toss that empty drink bottle out of the car window or leave a cigarette but lying around, set an example for others by using the trash and/or recycling receptacles and not littering. Littering can be decreased if we each do our part. This can start with you.

The Holidays are coming up - is your stove and/or oven ready? Are you cooking the Holiday meal at your place? Please check your stove and oven ahead of time to insure they are working properly. The Palo Verde Maintenance Staff will not be available during the Holiday break for any repairs.

For after hours emergency repairs - page the HA’s at 949-651-3579. (They will not be available Thursday, November 22nd).

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” ~ John F. Kennedy