

Get to the game... on time! Game Day Travel Tips

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<u>http://www.nittec.org/travel_advisories/</u>

Game Day travel tips for Western New York and Niagara Region:

- 1. Check the NITTEC website at NITTEC.org or the NITTEC mobile application to see if there are any travel advisories occurring that may affect your route.
- 2. Sign up for NEXUS. This trusted traveler program makes the border crossing experience more reliable and efficient. Peace Bridge even offers dedicated and exclusive Customs processing booths for NEXUS cardholders, and the Whirlpool Bridge is NEXUS-only.
- 3. Enroll in E-ZPass to help significantly expedite your border crossing.
- 4. Visit mobile.peacebridge.com or call 1-800-715-6722 for 24/7 estimated wait times for Buffalo Niagara Region international crossings. These updates are revised hourly.
- 5. Prior to arriving at the United States border, have proper identification ready to present to Customs officers. Such documents include: Enhanced Driver's licenses, Enhanced Non-Driver Identification, FAST Cards, NEXUS Cards, Permanent Resident Cards, Passports, and United States Passport Cards for travelers 16 years of age and older, and birth certificates, naturalization certificates, or Canadian citizenship cards which are acceptable forms of identification for most children 15 years of age and younger.
- 6. If traveling with children who are not part of your immediate family, obtain and carry a parental note of permission regarding cross-border travel. The note should include each child's parental contact information and telephone numbers.
- 7. "Clear the junk from your trunk!" Other than essential luggage, empty your trunk before the trip. Additional belongings in your car may add time to your crossing, as Customs officers may perform a visual inspection of the belongings in your car.
- 8. Turn off radios and cell phones when approaching Customs inspection booths and speaking with officers.
- 9. Remember to roll down the window, remove sunglasses, and make eye contact with Customs officers.
- 10. Be sure to declare all fruits, vegetables, plants and plant products, animals, birds, eggs, meat and meat products, as well as items acquired for personal use.
- 11. Avoid horseplay and do not fool around. Customs officers on both sides of the border are law enforcement officials who take their duties very seriously. Approach inspection booths slowly and follow signage instructions.
- 12. Be patient. Customs officers are responsible for protecting our nations' borders and public safety.
- 13. Do not drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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