

**Most recommended items to pack in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox:**

- school supplies – chalkboards with chalk, pencils, scissors
- toys – soccer ball with pump, dolls
- make-your-own crafts – add your personal touch
- non-liquid hygiene items – bar soap, toothbrush
- clothing accessories – tops, shoes, socks, hair bows, gloves, scarves
- non-chocolate candy – caramels, taffy, gummy bears
- a personal note from your family – if you include your name and address it's possible that the child could write you back!

**Items that should not be included in your shoebox:**

- used or damaged items
- war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures
- chocolate or food – due to customs regulations
- out-of-date candy – make sure that the expiration date is at least six months after National Collection Week (November 16 – 23, 2015)
- liquids or lotions – these can spill and get all over the other items
- medications or vitamins
- breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers
- aerosol cans

Some items are not permitted due to obvious reasons, but you should try to review and consider