

Can you bring water bottles or drinks in to the parks? (Both Disney and Universal)

Yes, absolutely. I always bring a bottle (or two or three) of water with me when I enter the WDW theme parks. You should be aware you are not allowed to bring glass containers or alcohol into the parks, but soda, juice, water, milk, etc. are fine as long as they are in plastic or metal containers.

Disney wants you to stay hydrated, so it's no problem to bring water bottles inside the parks (no glass bottles though). Once inside the park, you can easily refill the water bottles after they become depleted. Simply use one of the water fountains around the park, or even better, head to any counter service restaurant and ask for a cup of ice water. It's free and you can use this cold cup of ice water to refill your bottle. Snacks are also permitted. We usually keep some small packets of snacks handy for our boys in case they need a little boost during the day.

From the Universal Studios website:

- **Dress for the Weather** – It may be Florida, but it can still get chilly in January and February. Check Orlando's weather forecast online before you make your trip. Even if it's warm during the day, nighttime temperatures can drop significantly.
 - **Comfortable shoes.** These are a must! You'll be doing a lot of walking around the theme parks, and you could be on your feet quite a bit more than you may anticipate. For this reason, we do not recommend wearing flip-flops or heeled shoes to the parks.
 - **Sunscreen.** They don't call Florida the Sunshine State for nothing! It doesn't take long to get sunburned. Make sure to cover up!
 - **Sunglasses.** Great for two reasons: you'll look like a movie star, and you'll protect your eyes from the bright sun.
 - **Baseball cap or wide brimmed hat.** Hats will help to shield your eyes and face from the Florida sun. This is especially essential for men with bald or shaved heads. Remember to take your hat off on our thrill rides, though!
 - **Jacket or sweatshirt.** Believe it or not, it can actually get pretty chilly in Florida. Between December and February, the temperature can fluctuate from week to week between T-shirt warmth and winter coat cold. Be sure to consult your newspaper, television, or the internet before your trip to determine the weather forecast for the entire length of your stay, especially if you're visiting in the winter.
 - **Backpacks and shoulder bags.** A small, soft-sided bag is always handy to have with you when exploring the parks. Please be advised that your bag will be inspected by Security before you enter the theme parks, and you may have to check it in a rental locker before boarding certain thrill rides and roller coasters. We recommend that you pack only basic essentials and leave valuable items at home or in your hotel safe.
 - **Wet wipes.** These are a good idea if you're traveling with kids, especially if they're going to be snacking.
 - **Camera with batteries, plenty of film or extra memory cards.** Expect to take lots of photographs during your visit.
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- **MUSIC DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**
 - Bring a disposable poncho from home. They are \$8.00 and up at the parks.
 - Put your valuables in a plastic bag when going on water rides.

In the Hotel: Folks, we are in Florida. Just as at band camp, if there is any food left out in the open, you will have ants. Students, be sure to seal all food and drinks so as not to have an infestation in your room.