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## Labor Day Holiday Travel Reminder

**PEMBINA, N.D.** — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations (OFO), is reminding travelers planning trips across the border this holiday weekend into the United States to plan ahead and to anticipate heavy traffic during the celebration of the Labor Day holiday.

CBP strongly encourages travelers to plan your trip in advance and obtain a radio frequency identification (RFID)-enabled travel document such as an Enhanced Driver's License/Enhanced Identification Card, US passport card or Trusted Traveler Program card (NEXUS, SENTRI, Global Entry or FAST/EXPRES) to expedite their entry and make future border crossings more efficient.

Border traffic volumes are expected to significantly increase during the weekend of August 30 through Monday September 2, all travelers are reminded of a few simple steps they can employ to cross the border more efficiently.

### **1. Beat the border rush**

Cross during off-peak times, such as before 6 a.m. or after 2 p.m. Most lines at the border start building in the morning and carry on into early afternoon.

Wait times for the ports of International Falls, Minnesota and Pembina, North Dakota can be monitored at [apps.cbp.gov](http://apps.cbp.gov). Information is updated hourly and is useful in planning trips and identifying periods of light use/short waits.

### **2. Keep travel documents handy**

Make sure each passenger has the correct travel document accessible and ready to give to the CBP officer.

If you are a frequent international traveler and haven't already become a member of a trusted traveler program, sign up now. For more information, please visit the [Trusted Traveler](#) section of the CBP website.

### **3. Know what food products can be imported**

Many fruits, meats, dairy, and poultry products are prohibited from being imported into the United States from Canada.

For more information, please visit the [Bringing Agricultural Products Into the United States](#) section of the CBP website.

### **4. Know the contents of your vehicles and be prepared to declare all items**

Travelers are required to declare all items being imported into the United States from Canada. If you are not sure about what to declare, do not hesitate to ask the CBP officer.

Travelers should familiarize themselves with the "Know Before You Go" brochure or section of [www.CBP.gov](http://www.CBP.gov).

CBP's overall [Resource Optimization Strategy](#) intends to maximize existing resources, identify staffing needs, and explore funding sources to support identified staffing needs but CBP also encourages travelers to be prepared and educate themselves on U.S. rules and regulations.

A new downloadable [checklist](#) is also now available that can be accessed on your smartphone or device to help you travel smart when traveling internationally."

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