

MAKE IT WORK

TIME, JOB & MONEY TIPS YOU NEED NOW



IT'S 7 P.M.

The night before spring break: **Get packing!**

● **Enlist the kids.** “My 12-year-old has been packing her suitcase for two years, and my 9-year-old started packing his carry-on at 7,” says Jamie Pearson, a blogger at travelsavvymom.com. Make it fun by downloading the Packing Pro app (\$2.99) to your tablet or smartphone and letting the kids borrow it. Input a packing list for them, and they can check off items as they go.

● **Don't waste time folding.** Instead, lay your clothes flat in a pile, says Doug Dymont, the expert behind onebag.com. Anything silk, linen, or wrinkle-prone goes on the bottom. When you're done, place a small flat bag filled with underwear and socks on top of your duds. Then wrap each piece of clothing around the bag to form one compact, amazingly wrinkle-resistant bundle.

● **Prep for security.** Set out comfy clothes and shoes for the plane so the next morning runs smoother. And don't stress if your kids want to wear their lace-ups: Children 12 and under can now leave shoes on, thanks to new TSA rules. Also, go ahead and stash iPods, Game Boys, and cameras in your carry-ons; only laptops need to come out at security. —ASHLEY NIEDRINGHAUS