

Supply List

Below are the supplies that a Pioneer family traveling west might have brought on a five-month journey by covered wagon as well as how much the supply weighed in pounds. Pretend you are a pioneer and are about to make a long journey to the frontier. Make a list of what you would take on the journey, keeping in mind that the wagon will carry 2,000 pounds. What could you barter with others along the trail?

Tools

ax	15 lbs.
shovel	12 lbs.
hatchet	9 lbs.
hammer	7 lbs.
hoe	3 lbs.
anvil	150 lbs.
grinding stone	75 lbs.
animal trap	15 lbs.
rope	4 lbs.

split peas	100 lbs.
oatmeal	8 lbs.
vinegar	25 lbs.
pickles	50 lbs.
dried beef	25 lbs.
assorted spices	5 lbs.
barrel of water	350 lbs.
vegetables	5 lbs.

Personal Items

doll	2 lbs.
jump rope	1 lbs.
marbles	1 lbs.
family Bible	2 lbs.
books	2 lbs.
hunting knife	1 lbs.
bag of clothes	40 lbs.
fiddle	2 lbs.
snowshoes	8 lbs.
rifle	10 lbs.
pistol	7 lbs.
first aid kit	3 lbs.

Household Goods

coffee grinder	5 lbs.
rug	40 lbs.
bedding	20 lbs.
mirror	40 lbs.
dutch oven	70 lbs.
butter churn	40 lbs.
table and 4 chairs	200 lbs.
piano	900 lbs.
organ	2000 lbs.
baby cradle	75 lbs.
wooden bucket	10 lbs.
bedpan	2 lbs.
butter mold	1 lbs.
rocking chair	50 lbs.
pitcher and bowl	5 lbs.
cooking stove	700 lbs.
cooking utensils	2 lbs.
stool	10 lbs.
spinning wheel	80 lbs.
lantern	4 lbs.
clock	1 lbs.
ten candles	1 lbs.
set of dishes	40 lbs.

Food

flour	150 lbs.
tea	10 lbs.
salt	50 lbs.
sugar	50 lbs.
coffee	100 lbs.
meat	40 lbs.
dried fruit	100 lbs.
dried beans	100 lbs.
cornmeal	10 lbs.