

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ALLOWABLE GROUP RELIGIOUS ITEMS**

Notes:

1. The maximum allowed value of any item (excluding religious journals, religious publications, religious calendars, and religious audio CDs) is one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
2. All items must be obtained through approved vendors only unless otherwise specified below or in an applicable policy.
3. Food and beverage items listed below must be used as part of a group religious ceremony, must be made equally available to all participants, must not be shared in a way that is unsanitary (e.g., no drinking juice out of a shared cup), and must not be removed from the area where the group ceremony is taking place. No other food or beverage items are allowed, except as part of a group's approved annual religious feast.
4. Not included on the list, but still considered an allowable group religious item, is any item that is available to all general population residents, e.g., body oils, Tarot cards.
5. All religious groups are allowed:
 - a. a religious calendar, max 8 1/2" x 11", no spiral binding;
 - b. religious journals;
 - c. religious publications; and
 - d. religious audio CDs
6. Unless otherwise noted below, when not in use, all allowable group ceremonial items must be stored in the faith group's locker or other location, as required by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee. Each faith group may also store allowable religious publications, religious calendars, religious audio CDs, and religious DVDs in its locker or other location, as required by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee.

Buddhism

Bell (max. 6")

Incense holder and incense

Mala beads (on approved breakaway string only) (not to be worn as a necklace or bracelet)

Mindful Mantra flags

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Silk flowers

Small wooden bowl

Statue of Buddha (not metal or glass, max. 14" high)

Tablecloth

Tea candle holders and candles (max. 10)

Christianity

Altar (as approved)

Altar linens and cloths (max. 2' x 2')

Baptismal items

Bell (max. 6")

Candle holder and candles (max. 10)

Chalice and paten (plate)

Grape juice (approved quantity) and paper or plastic cups to be disposed of immediately after use for communion

Hosts for communion

Incense holder and incense

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Religious statues (not metal or glass) (max. 2, max. 14" high) to be placed by the altar when the group ceremony takes place

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Wine (1 ounce, to be brought in by priest and consumed by priest)

Hinduism

Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')

Bowl

Candle holder and candles (max. 10)

Conch shell (max. 3")

Incense holder and incense sticks (max. 2)

Group prayer rug (max. 6' x 8', approved design only)

Mala beads (on approved breakaway string only) (not to be worn as a necklace or bracelet)

Plate

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Rice (approved quantity)

Statue of Hindu god/goddess (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high) or picture in stand (no glass) (max. 2 statues or pictures total)

White clothing (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

Islam

Group prayer rug (max. 6' x 8', approved design only)

Incense holder and incense

Individual prayer rugs (max. 4' x 6', approved design only)

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Jehovah's Witness

None requested

Judaism

Sabbath candle holder and candles (max. 2)

Hanukkah menorah (candle holder) and box of Hanukkah candles

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Shofar (ram's horn) (max. 20")

Latter Day Saints

None requested

Nation of Islam

Group prayer rug (max. 6' x 8', approved design only)

Incense holder and incense

Individual prayer rugs (max. 4' x 6', approved design only)

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Native American

Bear root

Cloth shield

Drums (max. 2) and drumsticks (max. 18")

Feathers (if eagle feather, requires Federal Government documentation)

Flag root

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Flute, wooden or reed

Individual prayer blankets (max. 60" and 80", approved design only)

Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Sacred pipe (to be brought in by tribal elder and to be taken out by tribal elder)

Smudge bowl

Smudge herb mixture (cedar, sage, sweet grass, tobacco) .06 grams (tobacco must be obtained from the chaplain, may only be used in smudging)

Talking stick (max. 18")

Tobacco for pipe ceremony (approved amount, to be brought in by tribal elder and any excess to be taken out by tribal elder)

Tribal attire (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

Turtle rattle (max. 18")

Odinism

Altar (as approved)

Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')

Bowl, wooden

Candle holders and candles (max. 10)

Cloth Banners

Crackers (1 package)

Cups (2) (paper or plastic to be disposed of immediately after use)

Dragon's blood (oil) (max. 2 ounces) (not to be used as a body oil) (must be stored in group locker)

Honey (approved quantity) and cups (paper or plastic to be disposed of immediately after use) (honey must be stored in its pure form, not mixed with water while in storage) (one drop of honey max. allowed per cup of water for ceremony, any mixture not consumed must be discarded)

Incense holder with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)

Individual prayer blankets (max. 60" and 80", approved design only)

Mead horn (bone) (max. 12")

Oath ring, wooden (max. 10")

Pentagrams and pentacles

Plate, wooden

Religious symbol to be placed on wall when group ceremony takes place

Rune cards

Runic wand, wooden (max. 20")

Salt and small shell (max. 3")

Set of runes

Shrouds (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

Speaking staff (max. 12")

Statue of Odin or Freyja (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high)

Thor's Hammer, wooden (max. 12")

Pagan

Altar (as approved)

Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')

Bell (max. 6")

Besom (broom) (max. 36")

Candle holders and candles (max. 10)

Cardboard Athame

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Cardboard moon quarter designations
Chalice
Cloth banners
Crackers (1 package)
Cups (2) (paper or plastic to be disposed of immediately after use)
Gavel (max. 12")
Grape juice (approved quantity)
Incense holder with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)
Pagan wheel, paper
Plate
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Robe (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)
Salt and small shell (max. 3")
Speaking staff (max. 12")
Vord (half-horse/half-man statue) (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high)
Wand (max. 20")

Rastafari

None requested

Santeria

Altar (as approved)
Altar bell (max. 6")
Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')
Bata drum
Candle holder and candles (max. 5)
Candle, 7 African Powers (not metal or glass)
Cowrie shells (max. 21, max. 1" long)
Herbs (approved type and quantity)
Incense holder and incense
Maracas (max. 2)
Mortar & pestle (plastic)
Oil, choice of olive or coconut (max. 4 ounces) (not to be used as a body oil) (must be stored in group locker)
Orisha statue (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high)
Pin candle holder
Spiritual cleansing soap
White clothing (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

Spiritual Baptist

None requested

Vodun

Altar (as approved)
Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')
Bell (max. 6")
Candle holder and candles (max. 10)
Cowrie shells (max. 4, max. 1" long)

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Herbs (approved type and quantity)
Incense holder and incense
Mortar and pestle (plastic)
Rattle, wood or plastic (max. 18")
Smudge Sticks (2)
Spiritual cleansing soap
Statue (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high)
White clothing, consisting of white shirt, white pair of pants (to be worn over regular pants), and white close-fitting cap (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)

Wicca

Altar (as approved)
Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')
Bell (max. 6")
Besom (broom) (max. 36")
Candle holders and candles (max. 10)
Cardboard Athame
Cardboard moon quarter designations
Chalice
Cloth banners
Crackers (1 package)
Cups (2) (paper or plastic to be disposed of immediately after use)
Gavel (max. 12")
Grape juice (approved quantity)
Incense holder with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)
Ogham sticks (max. 4" long)
Pagan wheel, paper
Pentagrams and pentacles
Plate
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place
Robe (may not obscure the resident's face) (during ceremony only and stored in group locker)
Salt and small shell (max. 3")
Set of runes
Speaking staff (max. 12")
Vord (half-horse/half-man statue) (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high)
Wand (max. 20")