

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. In the case of a candle, there shall be only one wick, and the candle must be completely encased in a DOC provided lantern candle holder, with the candle dimensions complying with the safety recommendations of the manufacturer of the lantern candle holder. Only one candle may be used at a time (though more than one candle may be kept in the faith group's locker or other location as required by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, so that they may be swapped out for different ceremonies). Tapered candles, floating candles, and tea candles are not allowed. Electric candles are not subject to any of the above restrictions.
5. 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.
6. All religious groups are allowed:
 - a. a religious calendar, max 12" x 12", no spiral binding;
 - b. religious journals;
 - c. religious publications; and
 - d. religious audio CDs
7. 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")

Bowl (brass, max. 6" diameter)

Candle

Clapper (wooden, max. 4")

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

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

Tablecloth

Wooden bowl

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Christianity

Altar (as approved)
Altar linens and cloths (max. 2' x 2')
Baptismal items
Bell (max. 6")
Candle
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
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
Conch shell (max. 3")
Drum (Damaru style) (max 10" diameter), ropes not to be separated from drum
Incense holder and incense sticks (max. 2)
Group prayer mat (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)
Religious symbol to be placed on the wall when the group ceremony takes place

Jehovah's Witness

None requested

Judaism

Candle (Sabbath)
Hanukkah menorah (electric)
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

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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

Cloth shield
Drums (max. 2) and drumsticks (max. 18")
Feathers (if eagle feather, requires Federal government documentation)
Flute, wooden or reed
Individual prayer blankets (max. 60" and 80", approved design only)
Medicine wheel (four directions plaque, max. 2' by 2')
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 (flat cedar, white sage, sweetgrass, 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
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")

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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')

Athame (cardboard)

Bell (max. 6")

Besom (broom) (max. 36")

Candle

Cardboard moon quarter designations

Chalice

Cloth banners

Gavel (max. 12")

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

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

Candle (7 African Powers)

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)

Spiritual cleansing soap

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

Spiritual Baptist

None requested

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Vodun

Altar (as approved)
Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')
Bell (max. 6")
Candle
Cowrie shells (max. 4, max. 1" long)
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. 4' x 6')
Asperging tool (wood, max. 12")
Athame (cardboard)
Bell (max. 6")
Besom (broom) (max. 36")
Candle
Candle snuffer (brass, handle max. 10")
Cardinal directions symbol, cardboard (max. 8" x 11")
Cauldron (brass, max. 6" diameter),
Chalice, (wood or plastic only), max. 8"
Cloth banners (max. 4, max. 2' x 4'), to be hung when the group ceremony takes place
Coven totem (owl), wood (max. 6" x 10")
Crystal ball (max. 6" diameter)
Feathers (one black & one white)
Incense holder (hibachi, max. 6") with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)
Offering well (8 oz. paper cup)
Ogham sticks (one set of 20-26, wood, max. 4" long)
Pentagrams and pentacles
Plate (wood or plastic only)
Religious necklace with symbol - max 3" on approved breakaway chain only (during ceremony only and stored in group locker) (max. 2)
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 (max. 1/2 cup) and salt holder (dish, max. 6" diameter)
Scourge (wood handle max. 4" and flat cloth strips only, max. length 3" and max width 1/2") (may not be used for flagellation)
Set of runes
Speaking staff (max. 12")
Statues (god and earth goddess) (not metal or glass) (max. 2, max. 14" high)
Understone plaque, wood, with glued on small stones (max. 12" x 7")

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Wand (max. 20")

Water vessel cup (8 oz. paper cup with glued on small stones)

World Tree ritual tool (wooden tree with plastic leaves) (max. 12" high)