

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ALLOWABLE GROUP RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Notes:

1. The maximum allowed value of any item (excluding religious journals, religious publications, including religious calendars, and religious audio CDs) is eighty dollars (\$80.00).
2. All items must be obtained through approved vendors only unless otherwise specified below or in an applicable policy.
3. 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.
4. 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, including 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

Incense holder and incense

Mala beads (on approved breakaway string only)

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. 8" high)

Tablecloth

Tea candle holders and candles (max. 10)

Christianity

Altar (as approved)

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

Baptismal items

Candle holder and candles (max. 10)

Chalice and paten (plate)

Grape juice (approved quantity) and paper cups for communion

Hosts for communion

Incense holder and incense

Religious statues (not metal or glass) (max. 2, max. 24" 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. 8" 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)

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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

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
Flute
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
Candle holders and candles (max. 10)
Cloth Banners
Crackers (approved quantity)
Cups (two)
Dragon's blood (oil) (max. 2 oz) (not to be used as a body oil)
Grape juice (approved quantity)
Incense holder with sand and incense sticks (max. 2)

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Individual prayer blankets (max. 60" and 80", approved design only)
Mead horn (bone) (max. 12")
Pentagrams and pentacles
Plate
Religious symbol to be placed on wall when group ceremony takes place
Rune cards
Runic wand (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 (not metal or glass) (max. 14" high)
Thor's Hammer (max. 12")

Pagan

Altar (as approved)
Altar cloth (max. 2' x 2')
Bell
Besom (broom) (max. 36")
Candle holders and candles (max. 10)
Cardboard Athame
Cardboard moon quarter designations
Chalice
Cloth banners
Crackers Cups (two)
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
Robes (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. 8" high)
Wand (max. 20")

Rastafari

None requested

Santeria

Altar (as approved)
Altar bell
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)
Floating wicks for use in the soapstone oil diffuser (1 package of no more than 50 wicks)
Herbs (approved type and quantity)
Incense holder and incense
Maracas (max. 2)
Mortar & pestle (plastic)

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Orisha statue (not metal or glass) (max. 8" high)
Pin candle holder
Soapstone oil diffuser
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')
Candle holder and candles (max. 10)
Cowrie shells (max. 4, max. 1" long)
Herbs (approved type and quantity)
Incense holder and incense
Mortar and pestle (plastic)
Smudge Sticks (2)
Spiritual cleansing soap
Statue (not metal or glass) (max. 8" high)
White clothing (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
Besom (broom) (max. 36")
Candle holders and candles (max. 10)
Cardboard Athame
Cardboard moon quarter designations
Chalice
Cloth banners
Crackers Cups (2)
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
Robes (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. 8" high)
Wand (max. 20")