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The ultimate festival packing list 2026

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Items in total	Must-have	Recommended	Comfort

This list has **everything you need for a festival** – from absolute must-haves to comfort upgrades. Print it and tick off what you have packed. You will find recommended products for each item at **wildbeat.de/en/packing-lists**.

Sleeping & shelter

MUST-HAVE

- [ ] **Festival tent (2 person, pop-up)**
  Waterproof min. 2,000 mm, light & quick to pitch
- [ ] **Sleeping bag (down to +5°C)**
  Nights are colder than you think – mummy bags save space
- [ ] **Sleeping mat / air mattress**
  Protects your back, insulates from the cold ground
- [ ] **Inflatable travel pillow**
  Packs down to fist size

Weather protection

MUST-HAVE

- [ ] **Rain jacket (10,000 mm+, packable)**
  Not optional – the site can turn to mud within an hour
- [ ] **Treaded wellies**
  Treaded sole is a must – the ground gets slippery
- [ ] **Rain ponchos (pack of 5)**
  Covers your backpack too, handy for the whole group
- [ ] **Gaiters / shoe covers**
  Backup for extreme mud

Clothing

RECOMMENDED

- [ ] **Quick-dry shirts (set of 3)**
  Dry in 30 min, hardly smell – cotton is the enemy
- [ ] **Thermal underwear (set)**
  A base under everything = always warm
- [ ] **Merino wool socks (3 pairs)**
  Prevent blisters, dry fast, neutralise smells
- [ ] **Sun hat / cap with UV protection**
  6h of sun without cover = classic mistake
- [ ] **Neck gaiter / buff**
  Cold, dust, sun, hairband – 10 uses
- [ ] **UV400 sunglasses**
  Cheap enough that losing them doesn't hurt

Tech & power

MUST-HAVE

- [ ] **Power bank 20,000 mAh+**
  3-day festival = battery always empty. Take more
- [ ] **Waterproof phone pouch (IPX8)**
  Rain, sweat, beer – unprotected phones don't survive
- [ ] **LED head torch (rechargeable)**
  Finding your tent at 3am without one = adventure
- [ ] **Musician earplugs (filter)**
  Even attenuation – hear clearly, protect your ears
- [ ] **Foldable solar charger (25W)**
  Backup for multi-day festivals without power
- [ ] **Solar LED camping lamp**
  Charge by day, hang at the tent by night

Hygiene & health

MUST-HAVE

- [ ] **Waterproof sunscreen SPF 50+**
  Hardly any shade on site – don't skip it
- [ ] **Insect spray with DEET**
  Works reliably against mosquitoes and ticks
- [ ] **Compact first aid kit**
  Blisters, cuts, headaches – helps you and others
- [ ] **Blister plasters (Compeed)**
  Hours on your feet = blisters. Take plenty
- [ ] **Wipes (bulk pack)**
  30-minute shower queue? Wipes are your backup
- [ ] **Strong antiperspirant roll-on**
  3 days of dancing. Your neighbours will thank you
- [ ] **Dry shampoo**
  Fresh hair without water – essential from day 2
- [ ] **Ibuprofen 400mg**
  Morning headaches are guaranteed
- [ ] **Electrolyte tablets**
  Replenish after long nights and intense heat

Bags & transport

MUST-HAVE

- [ ] **Bum bag**
  Phone, money, ticket on your body
- [ ] **Backpack 40–80L (water resistant)**
  For the journey and as base storage in the tent
- [ ] **Dry bag 10L**
  Documents, clothes, power bank: kept dry
- [ ] **RFID wallet**
  Protects cards from digital pickpocketing
- [ ] **Foldable water bottle 700ml**
  Tap water is often free – saves up to €4/L

Camping gear

RECOMMENDED

- [ ] **Folding camping chair (up to 160kg)**
  Once you've had one you'll always bring it
- [ ] **Camping stove + gas cartridges**
  Morning coffee saves any festival
- [ ] **Folding camping table**
  The basis for a decent breakfast
- [ ] **Foldable cool bag / cool box**
  Keeps food and drinks fresh for half a day
- [ ] **Foldable water canister (10L)**
  Water from tap to tent – vital on big campsites
- [ ] **Padlock for the tent**
  Deters opportunists – no guarantee of safety
- [ ] **Washing line with clips**
  Hang wet clothes and towels at the tent
- [ ] **Emergency blankets (pack of 5)**
  Warm at night, rain cover – ultra light and cheap

Festival extras & fun

COMFORT

- [ ] **Bluetooth speaker (IPX7)**
  Music at camp – IPX7 survives the rain
- [ ] **Pocket knife / multi-tool**
  Openers and more – check the festival's knife rules
- [ ] **Duct tape**
  Fixes tents, wellies, air mattresses and more
- [ ] **Waterproof playing cards**
  For the quiet hours between gigs
- [ ] **Flag on a pole**
  Find your group again in the crowd
- [ ] **Neodymium magnetic hooks**
  Handy hangers on metal posts and tent poles