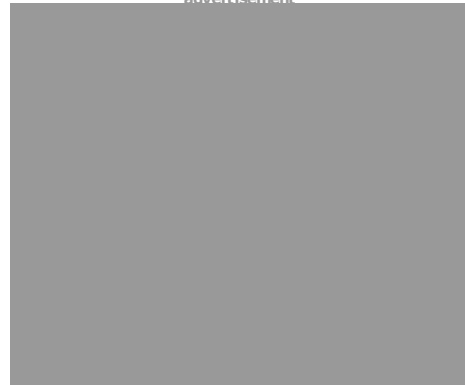


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It's a jungle out there in the airports with all the new fees airlines are charging to cover higher fuel costs. It's a real public service that FIRE Finance has assembled the baggage fees and policies all in one place.

Unfortunately, the list doesn't include those other charges that seem to pop up every day: JetBlue's new \$7 charge for a pillow and blanket that you get to take with you, US Airways' charge for bottled water, and the like. And, thank goodness FIRE also provides links to the airlines' Web sites. Some of the baggage fees have already changed since FIRE Finance wrote the post, or are about to go up.

In today's world of rising costs and shrinking paychecks, consumers need all the help they can get. Smart Spending combines the best money-saving tips from around the MSN Money site and the rest of the Web.

The good news is that Southwest still allows two bags free of charge, but click on the Southwest link just to be sure before you travel.

As is often the case, the devil can be found in the details. For instance, if you travel on AirTran, the first checked bag is free. If you have a second bag to check, pay for that online and the fee is \$10. Wait until you get to the airport, and the fee will be \$10 more.

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