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Airport Travel Checklist

Print it, put it on the fridge, tick it off: Milwaukee to O'Hare, Midway and Mitchell

Thanksgiving week brings some of the busiest days of the year at U.S. airports. This checklist keeps the ride, the flight and the security line in step, whether you fly out of Milwaukee Mitchell or drive the corridor to Chicago O'Hare or Midway. The online airport travel checklist adds a security checkpoint list and arrival pickup steps.

3.13 million

people screened by TSA on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, the Sunday after Thanksgiving and a single-day record

Source: TSA passenger volumes

Nearly 2 million

travelers expected through O'Hare and Midway over Thanksgiving week 2025 (Nov. 25 to Dec. 1)

Source: Chicago Department of Aviation

Before you book

- [ ] Flight booked: airline, flight number, time
- [ ] Return flight details ready
- [ ] Passenger count agreed
- [ ] Bag count and sizes noted
- [ ] Child or booster seat needed? (paid add-on)

When you book the ride

- [ ] Outbound ride booked
- [ ] Return ride booked
- [ ] Pickup address and any stops confirmed
- [ ] Quote received and locked in

The week before

- [ ] REAL ID, passport or other acceptable ID ready for every adult traveler
- [ ] Liquids packed for the security rules
- [ ] Airline bag rules checked

The day before

- [ ] Flight time checked in the airline app
- [ ] Any flight change shared with the ride team
- [ ] Phone charged

Travel day

- [ ] Phone on and close by
- [ ] Terminal and airline details at hand
- [ ] Coming home: phone on after landing



A Milwaukee Fly Limo SUV outside the parking structure at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport.

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Airport-day tips from the people who run the checkpoints

Official advice for the holiday rush, and how your ride fits around it

> **"We are projecting that the Sunday after Thanksgiving will be one of the busiest travel days in TSA history."**
>
> Adam Stahl, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy TSA Administrator, TSA, Nov. 21, 2025

Security, the short version

- Bring a REAL ID, passport or other acceptable ID and have it out at the checkpoint entrance (REAL ID enforcement began May 7, 2025).
- Carry-on liquids go in one quart-sized bag, 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters) or less per container.
- Pies and other solid holiday foods can go through the checkpoint; cranberry sauce, gravy, jams and maple syrup belong in a checked bag.
- The Chicago Department of Aviation asks holiday travelers to arrive early and allow extra travel time.

Weather and the drive

Milwaukee averages 2.5 inches of snow in November and 10.4 inches in December, according to National Weather Service 1991-2020 normals, so the holiday travel weeks often bring the season's first snowy drives. Leave room in the plan for a slower drive, and share any flight change with the ride team as soon as you see it.

How the ride fits around the flight

Pickup planned around the flight.
The flight status is tracked, and if the timing changes the pickup is adjusted together with you.

Quoted upfront.
Prices are quoted upfront and locked at booking, with no surge pricing.

5.0 Google Rated.
Read Milwaukee limo service reviews on Google.

Book your Thanksgiving airport ride

Thanksgiving and December holiday reservations are open at Milwaukee Fly Limo. Call 414-255-5537 or email Booking@milwaukeeflylimo.com. Service runs 24 hours a day to Milwaukee Mitchell, Chicago O'Hare and Chicago Midway.

Sources. TSA passenger volumes, "TSA checkpoint travel numbers, 2025 (3,134,613 on 11/30/2025)" (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), tsa.gov · Chicago Department of Aviation, "Thanksgiving travel forecast" (Nov. 25, 2025), flychicago.com · TSA, Nov. 21, 2025, "TSA prepared to screen more than 3 million at Thanksgiving" (Nov. 21, 2025), tsa.gov · TSA, "REAL ID and liquids rules" (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), tsa.gov · National Weather Service, Milwaukee/Sullivan, "Milwaukee snow climatology, 1991-2020 normals" (accessed Oct. 31, 2026), weather.gov