



THE ULTIMATE TIPPING GUIDE



Smart-shopping expert **TRAE BODGE** shares her guidelines on who to tip and how much.

EVERYDAY LIFE

- Car washer:** \$2-\$3 per car, \$3-\$5 per SUV/truck/van
- Dog groomer:** 15-20 percent
- Server:** 18-20 percent
- Bartender:** \$1 per drink for beer/wine; \$2 for a complicated cocktail; upscale bar, 15-20 percent
- Coat checker:** \$1-\$2 per item
- Movers:** \$10-\$20 per mover
- Valet parking attendant:** \$1-\$5
- Pet sitters/walkers:** 15 percent

DELIVERY SERVICES

- Food and drink:** 10-15 percent
- Flower delivery:** \$2-\$5
- Laundry/dry-cleaning:** \$3-\$5
- Appliance or furniture:** \$5-\$10 per person

TRAVEL

- Hotel Concierge:** \$5, if they go above and beyond
- Housekeeper:** \$2 per day
- Room service:** \$2-\$5
- Bellhop:** \$2-\$5, depending on how many bags
- Taxi/car-service/rideshare drivers:** 15-20 percent

SPECIAL EVENTS

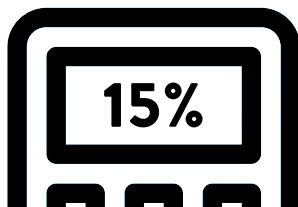
- Limousine driver:** 15-20 percent
- Photographer:** \$50-\$100
- Videographer:** \$50-\$100
- Live band:** \$15-\$20 per musician
- DJ:** \$50-\$100
- Wait staff:** 18-20 percent. If someone goes above and beyond, give them \$20 individually

THE HOLIDAYS

- Mailman:** [USPS employees are not supposed to accept monetary gifts](#), including gift cards. Give general gifts or sweets, but the value must be no more than \$20.
- Doorman:** \$20 per person, or more if there is only one doorman
- Landscaper/gardener:** Tip the cost of one service
- Trash/recycling collectors:** \$10 each, or general gifts or sweets
- House cleaners:** The cost of one cleaning
- Contractors:** \$20 per person, if regularly used

SPA SERVICES

- These are easy to remember, all are 15-20 percent.
- Makeup artist, masseuse, hair stylist, manicurist/pedicurist, waxer/threader**



QUICK MATH: Get to 15 percent by taking 10 percent of the total, half that number, and add it to the 10 percent.



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