

Build-A-Kit Projects

One way to give effectively and meaningfully after a disaster that can also be a great service opportunity for churches, schools and community organizations is to sponsor a Build-A-Kit Project. The kit ideas below help to focus on items that are needed and in demand after a disaster and help families to get re-established. Some are needed in the more immediate aftermath of a disaster and some are for the longer term. There is no minimum or maximum number kits required, just assemble what works for your group. Other ideas can include gift cards, small devotionals or personal notes from those preparing the kits that send a message of hope. Once you have collected your donations and are ready to ship or deliver, please let us know so we can help you find a home for them.

ALL ITEMS INCLUDED IN EACH KIT MUST BE NEW.

FLOOD BUCKET KIT

- 5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- 2 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle bleach (Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
- 5 Scouring pads
- 1 pack sponges – assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- 2 - 25 oz. or 1- 50 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent:
- 1 general purpose household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- 1 16-28 oz. bottle disinfectant dish soap
- 50 clothes pins
- 2 - 50 ft. or 1 100 ft. clothes line
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex or non-latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon-- remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 can insect repellent spray (if aerosol, cans must have protective caps)

PERSONAL CARE KIT

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb
- 1 bar of soap
- 1 toothbrush (in commercially sealed packaging)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (expiration date at least 6 months past date of shipment)
- 1 bottle of shampoo
- 1 deodorant
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers

Place these items inside a sealable one-gallon plastic bag. Personal care kits can be customized for women, men or kids to include specific items. If using this method, please make bags accordingly.

KITCHEN START-UP KIT

Basic Service for Four

- 7 pc cookware set
- 3 pc cooking utensil set
- 12 pc dinnerware (melamine or plastic)
- 12 pc flatware set
- 1 drain board
- 1 colander/Strainer
- 1 vegetable peeler
- 1 measuring cup
- 2 ice trays
- 1 carving/bread knife
- 1 set salt and pepper shakers
- 2 kitchen towels
- 2 dish cloths
- 2 pot holders/hot pads
- 1 can opener
- 1 scrubber
- 1 small trash can
- 1 roll of trash bags
- 1 first aid kit

HOUSEHOLD KIT

- 1 box laundry detergent
- 50 clothespins
- 2 - 50 ft. or 1 100 ft clothes line
- 1 bottle dishwashing liquid
- 1 package toilet paper
- 1 package sponges
- 1 package dishcloths
- 1 all-purpose cleaner
- 1 broom with handle
- 1 mop with handle
- 1 utility pail
- 1 dust pan with brush
- 1 wastepaper basket
- 1 roll of trash bags (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
- 1 pair cleaning gloves

BEDROOM KIT

- 3 or 4-pc sheet set – fitted sheet, flat sheet, and pillowcase(s)
- 1 blanket
- 1 or 2 pillow(s)

SCHOOL KIT

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 ½" x 11" ruled paper
- 1 12-inch (30-centimeter) ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2 ½"
- 1 pack construction paper (varied colors)
- 1 box of crayons (24 count)
- 1 box washable markers

Place items in a bag or backpack

LAUNDRY KIT

- Clothes Basket (Optional)
- Laundry Bag
- Detergent
- Fabric Softener sheets
- Spot Remover
- Lint Remover roller
- Clothes pins
- Clothes line
- Coat Hangers (10)

BATHROOM KIT

- 4 towel sets (bath towel, hand towel and wash cloth)
- Shampoo
- 4 toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Back scrubber or plastic bath sponges
- Kleenex
- Toilet paper
- All-purpose cleaner
- Bleach
- Scrub brush
- Toilet bowl brush
- First Aid kit
- Small trash can