Home Starter Kit

For neighbors moving into a home who are low income, have no job, and/or are just coming out of shelter. These kits are requested through Request Our Help and delivered to your door.

Moving costs are heavy, and starting a home takes many small things at once. This list helps you build a kit that gives a family a good, clean start. All items must be brand new, full size, unexpired, and unopened. If you would not give it to a neighbor, please do not give it to a family in need.

Packing in a tote bag is welcome, so the kit is easy to carry and can be reused. Brands may vary, but the contents will not.

Cleaning supplies

- [ ] Alcohol wipes
- [ ] Bleach
- [ ] Broom (long handle) and dustpan
- [ ] Clorox toilet bowl cleaner and toilet brush with holder
- [ ] Dishwasher tablets (Cascade or Finish)
- [ ] Dishwashing soap (Palmolive or Dawn)
- [ ] Disinfectant wipes
- [ ] Double-sided sponges
- [ ] Febreze air freshener
- [ ] Lysol all purpose cleaner
- [ ] Lysol disinfectant spray
- [ ] O-Cedar-style mop and mop bucket
- [ ] Paper towels
- [ ] Pine-Sol
- [ ] Scrubbing Bubbles tub cleaner (disinfectant kind)
- [ ] Swiffer duster
- [ ] Toilet tissue
- [ ] Trash bags (small for bathrooms, large for kitchen)
- [ ] Trash can (small for bathrooms, large for kitchen, with foot pedal)
- [ ] Vacuum cleaner
- [ ] Windex or similar glass cleaner

Kitchen and cooking

- [ ] Aluminum foil
- [ ] Baking sheets and pans
- [ ] Cutlery (spoons, forks, knives), plus plastic cutlery
- [ ] Dinnerware set (bowls, plates, cups)
- [ ] Insulated bag (for food pantries and food events)
- [ ] Parchment paper
- [ ] Pots and pans
- [ ] Ziploc bags (all sizes)

Laundry supplies

- [ ] Dryer sheets
- [ ] Fabric softener
- [ ] Laundry basket (horizontal with handles preferred)
- [ ] Laundry detergent (liquid, pods preferred, or powder)

Linens and bedding

- [ ] Comforters or covers (twin and queen)
- [ ] Pillows
- [ ] Sheets (twin and queen)
- [ ] Throw blankets
- [ ] Towels (27x54 for drying and 13x13 for face or washcloth)

Hygiene items

- [ ] Body wash or soap
- [ ] Deodorant (male and female)
- [ ] Diapers and pull-ups (all sizes)
- [ ] Floss (picks and classic string)
- [ ] Incontinence underwear (disposable, all sizes and levels)
- [ ] Loofah (for shower)
- [ ] Lotion
- [ ] Mouthwash
- [ ] Pads (all levels)
- [ ] Petroleum jelly
- [ ] Tampons (all levels)
- [ ] Toothbrush case
- [ ] Toothbrushes
- [ ] Toothpaste

Hair-care items

- [ ] Barrettes for little girls
- [ ] Brushes (boar and paddle)
- [ ] Combs (wide tooth)
- [ ] Elastic hair ties
- [ ] Gel (Eco Style, Ampro Pro Styl, or similar)
- [ ] Grease (Blue Magic, Sulfur 8, BB Grease, or similar)
- [ ] Leave-in conditioner (Creme of Nature or Bask N Lather Co)
- [ ] Satin and cotton headscarves
- [ ] Satin and silk bonnets
- [ ] Satin and silk durags
- [ ] Scrunchies
- [ ] Shampoo and conditioner (Creme of Nature or Bask N Lather Co)

Built for a good start at home

Moving in costs money before the first night: rent, a deposit, and then every household basic. This kit helps a family start without going without. These items cover a clean, working home: cleaning supplies, kitchen and cooking items, laundry supplies, and bedding. Hygiene and hair-care items help every family member feel cared for.

Neighbors with housing can wash, dry, and bathe at home, so they may choose pads, tampons, and disposable incontinence underwear. Incontinence underwear must be disposable, never reusable.

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