

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Want to help people affected by Hurricane Sandy?

Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern PA is now collecting materials for cleaning "flood" buckets, hygiene kits, and supplies requested by the Metro NY Synod. We will be collecting these at the church and taking them to St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Sellersville. Our Upper Bucks Conference is concentrating on the clean-up buckets; and unfortunately the need for these supplies will last longer than this December / January newsletter. Following the list for the Cleanup buckets are requests from the NY Metro Synod . these will be taken by volunteers from St Michael's to New York.

CLEAN-UP BUCKETS – Also known as “Flood Buckets”

- One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- One scrub brush
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Five dust masks
- One pair work gloves
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (*pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol*)
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (*30-45 gallon*)
- Eighteen cleaning towels (*reusable, like Easy Wipes®*)
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (*like Lysol®*)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (*like Dawn®*)
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle)
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)

- Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles.
- Be sure to provide only new materials.
- If the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size.
- **You do not have to provide all of the items. Any contribution is welcome.**

Hygiene Kits: In the face of natural disasters, **Hygiene Kits** can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Our colleagues at Church World Service (CWS) and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) collect and distribute these kits or can tell us how to get them to those in immediate need.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Please include toothpaste for kits in a separate package.

Hygiene Kit value: \$10 Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit

Questions: Contact Ruth Doty, NEPS Coordinator for Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania - ruth@lutherancongregationalservices.org or 610.770.9205

Lutheran Disaster Relief of Eastern PA is also accepting donations of the following food and supplies, as requested by Metro NY Synod.

BABIES/CHILDREN

- baby bottles and formula (powdered or liquid)
- baby clothes and blankets
- baby food (jarred or canned)
- baby powder
- diapers and wipes

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- dish soap
- heavy duty trash bags
- laundry detergent
- spray-bottled cleaners
- disinfectant wipes and bleach
- latex gloves
- mops, brooms and shovels
- work gloves

FOOD (NON-PERISHABLE ONLY)

- bottled water
- boxed/non-refrigerated milk
- canned fruits
- canned tuna fish
- granola bars and energy bars
- instant coffee and tea bags
- instant soups
- packaged snacks or cookies
- peanut butter and jelly

GENERAL SUPPLIES

- batteries - especially "D"
- disposable cameras
- face/dust masks
- flashlights
- generators
- hand and foot warmers
- masking tape and marking pens
- power strips and extension cords
- gas containers (only government-approved "red" containers)

HYGIENE

- deodorant
- feminine hygiene products
- hand sanitizers
- razors and shaving cream
- shampoo and conditioner
- soaps (bar or liquid)
- toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- adhesive/non-adhesive bandages, antibacterial ointments, gauze and tape
- acetaminophen, aspirin and ibuprofen
- rubbing alcohol and peroxide

PAPER/PLASTIC PRODUCTS

- can openers (manual only)
- napkins and paper towels
- tissues
- toilet paper
- disposable dinnerware (cups, plates, and plastic utensils)

PET FOODS

- dry dog or cat food (no cans)

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