

CBF Disaster Response Cleanup Bucket Kits: A Pilot Project

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Inspired by cleanup kits promoted by disaster response agencies such as UMCOR (United Methodists) and Church World Service in response to floods, CBF Disaster Response is evaluating the use of similar kits.

Per protocol, after being invited to engage in recovery efforts by affected CBF congregations (or partner agencies) and their state/regional CBF organizations, CBF Disaster response seeks involvement from its network of churches to pray, volunteer, and give. Unless otherwise specified, donations of food, water, clothing, and other materials are not accepted.



However, where CBF Disaster Response and its state/regional partners are involved in flood recovery and Cleanup Bucket Kit involvement is invited, we are evaluating the involvement of churches and CBF state/regional organizations to prepare these kits for delivery to specific recovery sites in coordination with the assigned Local Response Contractor.

As CBF Disaster Response and the state/regional CBF organizations lack adequate storage facilities, the cleanup bucket kits will only be accepted for timely distribution in recovery sites where the current needs exist. We are also asking that churches and other organizations assume the cost of assembling and delivering the kits.

Based on guidelines from UMCOR, the following is the procedure for preparing and delivering Cleanup Bucket Kits:

Bucket Cleanup Kit Materials (approximate cost of \$100 per kit)

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - No screw lids
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - Advertisements on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-9 oz. spray air freshener



- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - With or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - Or whatever is available
- Two pairs of kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair of work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather



Assembly Directions

- Place all liquid items in the bucket first.
- Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items.
- Scouring pads and trash bags can be separated and arranged with all items to fit in the bucket.
- Clothes pins may also be placed in a small re-sealable bag.
- Secure the lid on the filled bucket.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except the bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid form (no powders).
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits.

- Containers should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols.

Instructions for preparing and delivering the cleanup bucket kits

- Contact the CBF Disaster Response Manager (rburnette@cbf.net) to confirm locations where cleanup bucket kits are needed.
- If kits are being accepted, the Response Manager will provide contact information for the Local Response Contractor who will arrange to receive and distribute the buckets where needed.
- In coordination with the Local Response Contractor, churches organizing buckets may deliver buckets themselves or coordinate with their state/regional CBF organization to possibly collect and deliver buckets from multiple congregations.
- CBF Disaster Response will not organize, receive, or deliver bucket kits.
- Bucket kits will not be accepted without prior communication and confirmation of their need.