

VRRP DONATION GUIDELINES

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Thank you in advance for your generosity to VRRP and our clients! All refugee homes are furnished entirely through donations, and we—along with our clients—greatly appreciate your help. Due to restraints on storage space, limited organizational man power, and the types of apartments that our clients typically live in, however, we must be very strict about the items that we accept as donations to our program. We **only** accept the items listed below. All donations must be **clean**, have **all** component parts, and be in **excellent** working condition. Please attach any loose assembling items like screws, nuts, and bolts. We do not accept anything chipped, torn, stained, scratched, broken, rusted, or incomplete. Please **call us** to confirm that there is space in our warehouse before dropping off **any** donations, as well as to verify that a staff member or volunteer will be available to receive the donation. We are happy to provide a **tax receipt** for all donations listed below. Thank you.

FURNITURE

Couches (no sectionals or pull-out sofas), loveseats, armchairs (no recliners or folding chairs), sturdy kitchen/dining room tables and chairs, lightweight dressers, single and double bed frames, single and double mattresses with box springs

KITCHEN ITEMS

Sets of dishes (plates, bowls, mugs, and glasses), silverware (in sets, labeled, and in sandwich bags), large pots with lids, large pans, baking dishes, sharp knives, cutting boards, mixing bowls, tea kettles, mixing spoons, spatulas, serving utensils, dish drainers, and can openers

LINENS

Single and double sheets, pillowcases, blankets, comforters, quilts, towels, washcloths, and dish towels

APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS (on a case-by-case basis **only**, please ask)

TVs, VCRs, DVD players, radios, telephones, lamps, vacuum cleaners, irons, clocks, microwave ovens, toasters, fans, washing machines, and dryers

BABY ITEMS (if they meet our safety guidelines)

Car seats, booster seats, cribs, high chairs, strollers, diapers, and baby wipes

CLOTHING

Winter coats (no sweaters), snow pants, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots **only** when in season (see other side for information on children's clothing)

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS (must be new and unopened)

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, disposable razors, sanitary pads, band-aids, hair brushes, and combs

HOUSEHOLD AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (must be new and unopened)

Brooms, dustpans, mops, buckets, wastebaskets, cleaning products, dish detergent, sponges, laundry detergent, laundry baskets, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, toilet brushes/holders, food storage bags, trash bags, and shower curtains with rings

Please DO NOT donate:

Sectional or sleeper sofas, recliners, futons, mattresses without box springs, desks, bookshelves, specialized kitchen appliances (i.e. blenders, nutcrackers, coffeemakers), Tupperware, outdoor furniture, toys, books, clothing (except for seasonal items listed above), rugs, samples or small hotel bottles of personal hygiene items, knick knacks (i.e. vases, frames, figurines, decorative items), or anything that might not be useful to our clients. Please, do not donate any item that you would not use due to its poor condition.

On occasion, we do accept some of the above items if a client has specifically requested it.

Please feel free to call us to find out what our current needs are.

WELCOME KITS FOR NEW ARRIVALS

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Anyone can help welcome refugees to Vermont! Your family, school, office, church, athletic or scout group can help a refugee family get a good start in Vermont by creating and providing a Welcome Kit. The Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program works with each family to ensure that they have adequate furnishings and clothing, but your help with the small, yet important, daily items will go a long way towards helping families begin their new lives with a smooth start.

We appreciate your help and understand if your group is unable to provide an entire kit. All items listed below are needed year-round. For organizing purposes, please keep a family of four in mind. As always, feel free to call us to find out what our current needs are! Welcome Kits can be delivered to our office Monday – Friday between 8:30 – 4:30, but **please call** before dropping them off.

Imagine coming to a new country with your entire family and just a few suitcases. You might need a few things to help get started in your new home! We have listed the most typically needed items, but feel free to customize your Welcome Kit with a personal note, a small gift or certificate, or a special item. This will help a new family feel especially welcome.

CLEANING EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Broom(s)
Mop(s)
Bucket(s)
Dustpan(s)
Toilet brush and holder(s)
Wastebasket(s) for both kitchen and bathroom
Dish detergent
Kitchen cleanser(s)
Laundry detergent
Pack(s) of sponges

PAPER & PLASTIC SUPPLIES

Roll(s) of paper towels
Roll(s) of toilet paper
Box(es) of tissue paper
Pack(s) of food storage bags
Pack(s) of trash bags
Plastic shower liner
Set of shower rings
Laundry basket

PERSONAL HYGEINE

Toothbrush (4)
Tube(s) of toothpaste
Bar(s) of soap (2 or 3)
Bottle(s) of shampoo
Deodorant(s)
Package(s) of disposable razors
Package(s) of sanitary pads
Pack(s) Band-Aid(s)
Bath towels
Washcloths

VERY HELPFUL EXTRAS

Bath mat
Pack(s) of clothes hangers
Pack(s) of paper/notebooks
Package(s) of light bulbs (60 or 75 watt)
Pair(s) of scissors
Pack(s) of pens/pencils
Roll(s) of tape
Corded telephone(s)