



Supplies List for Housing Donation Drive Organizers

This year the International Institute of Minnesota will be expecting 650 newly arrived refugees from around the world – over double the amount from last year. You can help support this work by organizing a Housing Donation Drive. Drive organizers play an essential role in welcoming new families by sourcing donations from friends, family or through service opportunities. Organizers also sort supplies to ensure that they are fit for distribution and deliver these supplies to the Institute to be used in housing set ups.

Please see below the list of supplies needed for each donation drive:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
1. Pots and pans	3+ pots, 3+ pans	Of varying size: – sauce pans and frying pans, large stock pots with lids are appreciated for large families.
2. Baking dishes and cookie sheet	2 or more	
3. Dinner plates	6 or more	Microwaveable if possible
4. Bowls	6 or more	Microwaveable if possible
5. Eating utensils	6 spoons, 6 forks, 6 steak knives, 6 butterknives	More than 5 is also welcome
6. Glasses	6 or more	
7. Coffee mugs	6 or more	Microwaveable if possible
8. Cooking knives + cutting boards	2 or more	Of varying sizes
9. Tea kettle	1	Stovetop or electric
10. Mixing bowls	2 or more	
11. Wooden spoons, spatula, large serving spoon	3 or more	Or other cooking utensils
12. Clothes hangers	25 or more	
13. Can opener	1	
14. Scissors		
15. Shower curtain and rings	1	New only
16. Blankets	2 or more	New or gently used
17. Twin Bed Complete Set	4 or more	New only Includes: sheets, pillowcase(s), blanket/comforter
18. Queen Bed Complete Set	1 or more	New only

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19. Bed Pillows	4 or more	Standard or queen size
20. Shower towels	8 or more	New only
21. Cleaning supplies	2 or more of each item listed in notes	New only Includes: dish soap, dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, and multi-surface cleaner, cleaning sponges or cloths

Toiletries and hygiene items

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
1. Shampoo	1 or more	New only
2. Hand soap	2 or more	New only
3. Body soap/body wash	1 or more	
4. Toothbrushes and toothpaste	4 or more toothbrushes + 1 or more toothpaste	
5. Toilet paper	4 or six pack	
6. Women's sanitary napkins	1 or more package	No tampons

The following list of secondary items is not required, but any secondary contribution is very appreciated:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
1. Garbage bins	3+	New only Of varying size: small, and large (for kitchen and recycling)
2. Garbage liners/bags	1 or more packs	Sizes correspond to garbage bins
3. Mop	1	New only
4. Mop bucket	1	New only
5. Dustpan	1-2	New or gently used
6. Broom	1-2	New or gently used
7. Bathroom mat	1-2	New only
8. Entryway rug	1-2	New or gently used
9. Light bulbs	2 or more 60 watt	New only
10. Vacuum cleaner	1	New or used in working order



Delivery and Contact Details

Please reach out when your drive is complete and schedule a time for drop off at least a week in advance.

Contact for questions or to schedule drop off:

Rachel Kennedy, Volunteer and Community Partnership Manager, at 651-377-8663 or rkennedy@iimn.org.

Donations drop off location:

International Institute of Minnesota 1694 Como Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55108

Thank you for your generosity!

Each donation drive saves a newly arriving family more than \$1200, and your volunteer organizing helps make our housing program more efficient.

Are the items above too much for your group size? Would you like to organize a mini drive? Please reach out to Rachel through the contact information above to see what items above are most needed right now.

You could organize:

- A kitchen supplies drive
- A toiletries and hygiene supplies drive
- A diaper drive

A list of supplies that are most needed will change as the number of arrivals and family sizes vary.

Or visit our Amazon wish list to purchase one or more items "most needed". Your supplies will be delivered directly to the Institute!

You can find the Institute's Amazon wish list by clicking on the "Shop Our Wishlist" button at [Donate Goods for a Strong Start to a New Life | International Institute of Minnesota \(iimn.org\)](#)