



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:

Kitchen

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
1. Pots and frying pans	3+ pots, 3+ pans	Of varying size
2. Stock pot (with lid)	1	
3. Baking dishes	1 or 2	Of varying sizes, some with lids
4. Cookie sheets	2 or more	Of varying sizes
5. Dinner plates	5 or more	Microwaveable if possible
6. Cereal/Soup Bowls	5 or more	Microwaveable if possible
7. Eating utensils	5 spoons, 5 forks, 5 butterknives	More than 5 is also welcome
8. Glasses	5 or more	
9. Coffee mugs	5 or more	Microwaveable if possible
10. Cooking knives & Steak Knives	2 or more	Of varying sizes
11. Cutting Board	1	
12. Tea kettle	1	Stovetop or electric
13. Mixing bowls	2 or more	
14. Serving bowls	2 or more	Varying sizes
15. Kitchen Utensils	1 set	Spatulas, spoons, serving utensils, tongs
16. Can opener	1	
17. Scissors	1	
18. Kitchen towels	2 or more	New only
19. Dish sponges or cloths	2 or more	New only
20. Oven mitts/hot pads	2 or more	



Bedroom

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
1. Twin Bed Complete Set	3	New only Includes: fitted sheet, top sheet, pillowcase(s), comforter
2. Queen Bed Complete Set	1	New only fitted sheet, top sheet, pillowcase(s), comforter
3. Bed Pillows	5	Standard
4. Clothes hangers	25 or more	

Bath

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
1. Shower liner and rings	1 of each	New only
2. Bath towels	5 or more	New only

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:

Kaela Schweisthal, Volunteer and Community Partnership Manager, at 651-377-8663 or kschweisthal@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 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 \(iimn.org\)](#)