

Items Checklist

You are welcome to add to both the variety and quantity of items listed below. If you believe a donation would be useful to a new home, you are likely right!

The IRC is committed to providing only new or gently used items to our clients. Used items should be clean. Items should not have tears or stains. *Starred items must be new.

Household Essentials

- 2 floor lamps
- 2 packages of light bulbs
- 5 notepads and pens
- 2 sets of large plastic drawers (one for each bedroom, large enough to hold clothes).
- 25 hangers
- 1 shower curtain with rings
- 1 small sewing kit
- 1 screwdriver set

Optional:

- First aid kit
- Vacuum

Cleaning

- *4 sponges
- *1 laundry detergent
- *1 all-purpose cleaner
- *dish detergent
- *toilet brush and holder
- 1 large kitchen trash can
- 1 box of large trash bags
- 1 small trash can
- 1 box of small trash bags
- *1 broom and dustpan
- *1 mop
- *Dryer sheets
- *Hand soap
- *Toilet paper
- *Paper towels
- *Flushable wipes

Kitchen

- 6 bowls, 6 plates
- 6 glasses, 6 mugs
- 6 utensil sets (fork, knife, spoon)
- 3 kitchen (cooking) knives
- 1 cutting board
- 2 pots with lids
- 2 frying pans
- 1 saucepan
- 1 oven mitt or hot pad
- 1 baking sheet
- 1 can opener
- 1 set of cooking utensils
- Serving spoons
- Spatula
- 2 mixing bowls
- 1 measuring cup set
- 1 measuring spoon set
- *2 dish towels

Optional:

- Tea kettle
- Microwave
- Rice cooker
- Extra large baking dish
- Grocery store gift card

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Hygiene

- *Hairbrush
- *Detangling hair brush
- *Hair comb
- *Toothbrushes
- *Kids toothbrush
- *Toothpaste
- *Shampoo
- *Conditioner
- *Body wash
- *Bar soap
- *Body lotion
- *Women's Deodorant
- *Men's deodorant
- *Shaver's
- *Shaving cream
- *5 Chapstick

Feminine products:

- *Maxi pads
- *Tampons

New Baby

- *Newborn diapers
- *Size 1 diaper
- *Baby wipes
- *Diaper cream
- *Newborn first aid kit
- *Receiving blankets
- *Swaddle blankets
- *Baby soap
- *Baby lotion

Optional:

- Car seat (contact us for additional info.)
- Stroller
- *Baby Bath

Linens

- *5 pillows
- *5 pillowcases
- *5 bath towels, 5 washcloths
- *3 twin sheet sets
- *3 twin blankets or comforters
- *1 full/queen sheet set
- *1 full blanket or comforter
- *2 Throw blanket

Furniture or bulkier items: volunteers can also help with storing bulkier items at their residences or with delivering furniture and appliances directly to our clients.

Furniture

- Couch or armchairs
- Dining or kitchen table (set for 5)
- 2 dressers or chest of drawers
- *2 twin-size mattresses & box springs
- 3 twin bed frames
- *1 double mattress & box spring
- 1 double bed frame

Optional:

- Area rugs
- Coffee table
- Side tables
- Table lamps
- Television
- Bicycle(s)

FAQs

Do I have to be a part of a group to participate?

- You do not need to be a part of a group to participate. Individuals are welcome to participate on their own.

Is there a commitment timeframe required?

- No. WHVs are welcome to determine how frequently they will like to commit. For example, some WHVs might decide to participate once a year while others might want to commit to a schedule of every few months.

I prefer not to be added to the WHV directory is that allowed?

- Yes! That is an option. However, we highly encourage WHVs to add themselves to our WHV directory as it's the best way to stay up-to-date on our current needs.

Do I need to complete a background check to participate?

- Our WHVs who wish to participate in delivering items directly to our clients will have to complete a criminal background check. To help us offset some of the cost of the background check we request a donation of \$49 so that more of our program dollars can go directly to the people we serve and not to overhead costs. If this donation is a barrier to your participation, please contact the Volunteer Specialist, Kristie Wong for further help.

Can I do both roles, that is source for in-kind donations and deliver donations directly to refugees?

- Yes! WHVs are welcome to perform both roles. However, WHVs who wish to become delivery drivers will need to complete a criminal background check. SEE ABOVE.

What items do IRC-LA not take?

- Wore, torn, or stained items. Baby car seats that are more than a year old. Used linens. Religious items such as holiday decorations or ornaments.