



The Memphis and Tennessee Conferences are working together to respond to the disaster affecting our sister conferences in Texas and Louisiana. Please continue to pray for all those whose lives continue to be impacted by this storm. We ask for your help in the following ways:

Give generously to **UMCOR US Disaster Response Advance #901670**. Also, please share this information with your friends and colleagues. Let them know that every dollar donated to this fund goes to US Disaster Response – none goes toward administrative costs.

We know some of you would like to offer hands-on help, but the affected areas are not yet ready to receive volunteers. There will be opportunities in the coming weeks for trained teams to go in, but UMCOR asks that we wait for an invitation to volunteer.

Please help us fill the truck! The Nashville Area plans to send an 18-wheeler filled with cleaning buckets to the UMCOR warehouse fulfilling needs for this disaster. Start purchasing items now to prepare Cleaning Buckets. Carefully follow the instructions provided by UMCOR. Please only donate those items requested.

## Cleaning Kit

Value: \$65.00 per kit

### Cleaning Kit Materials

- 1 5-Gallon bucket with resealable lid
  - o Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned
  - o Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner
  - o Advertisements on the outside are acceptable
- Liquid laundry detergent
  - o One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only
- Liquid household cleaner
  - o 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
  - o No spray cleaners
- Dish soap
  - o 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- 50 Clothespins
- Clothesline
  - o One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
  - o Cotton or plastic
- 7 Sponges
  - o No cellulose sponges due to mold issues
  - o Remove from packaging
- 24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags
  - o 33-45 gallon sizes
  - o Remove from the box
- 18 Cleaning wipes
  - o Handi-wipes or reusable wipes
  - o No terry cleaning towels
  - o Remove from packaging

- 1 Can air freshener
  - o Aerosol or pump
- 1 Insect-repellant spray
  - o 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- 2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
  - o Should be durable enough for multiple uses
  - o Remove from packaging
- 1 Pair work gloves
  - o All Cotton
  - o All Leather
  - o Cotton with Leather Palm
- 5 Scouring pads
  - o Remove from wrapper
  - o No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- 1 Scrub brush
  - o Plastic or wood handle
- 5 Dust masks

### Assembly Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

### Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States. They are not opened to verify the contents unless there is an indication some items have been omitted.

This is the month of August and it is HOT in South Texas. As the flood waters go down, each house will become an incubator for mildew and mold. To respond, the following supplies are also needed:

- Box Fans (To dry out houses following flooding)
- 25' heavy duty extension cords (To move the fans around inside homes)
- 2 & 3 gallon garden sprayers (to fight mildew and mold)
- Flat billed shovels (removal of mud, wet carpet, pads, sheet rock, insulation, etc.)
- Rakes (removal of tree limbs, leaves and muck from inside home and yards)
- Wheel barrows (2 wheeled, so they will not turn over going to the street)

You may find these on sale at your local stores, or make a donation by PayPal or mail a donation to U. M. Disaster Relief Warehouse, P.O. Box 1133, Decatur, AL 35602.

*All items need to be brought to the church office **no later than Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will then make sure that everything gets to the proper location to be transported to Texas and Louisiana. Thank you for your help.*