



A CALL FOR STORM RELIEF CLEAN-UP KITS

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Colorado State University has recently revised its annual predictions for named storms that are projected to strike the United States during this Hurricane season. Unfortunately, they've revised the numbers UPWARD. After the recent scare for Mid-Texas Churches along the Gulf Coast with named-storms Alberto and Beryl, the likelihood of another major storm striking the Gulf Coast this year is not entirely out of the realm of possibility. In any case, preparedness is a proactive practice we are called to pursue. The Mid-Texas Conference is calling for each church to assemble a Clean-up Kit, or "Flood Bucket" to be stored and ready for deployment and delivery to any area within the Conference, or in extreme circumstances, to make available to any other areas who should find themselves in need following a severe weather event. The contents of the kits are available on the Mid-Texas Conference website (midtexasgmc.org) {or other location as deemed appropriate}. The cost of the materials to be placed in



the bucket (including the bucket and lid) averages around \$100-110, depending on where one shops. (Dollar stores tend to have slightly lower prices on some of the items on the list, but are usually just as effective as the ones found at other retailers.) When they are assembled, we will gather them into one of several regional locations around the Conference for use when the needs arise. Since the contents are non-perishable, they will keep well until they are needed. Please consider helping us with this ministry! And continue to pray for all those affected by the recent storms.

FLOOD BUCKET - CLEANING KIT

Value: Roughly \$105.00 per Cleaning Kit (shopping at Dollar stores might reduce this cost)

Materials:

- One five-gallon round bucket with lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
 - o No screw lids
 - o May be used, but must be free from all residual product
 - o Advertisement on the outside acceptable
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - o No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellant (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - o Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
 - o With or without handle



- 18 re-usable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless steel or pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

- Place all liquid items on the bottom of the bucket.
- Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items.
- Scouring pads and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all items in the bucket.
- Clothespins may also be placed in a small re-sealable bag.
- Secure the lid on the filled bucket.



Important Notes

- All items must be new with the exception of the bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be in liquid form. No powders are accepted.
- If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing
- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols