

Make a Flood Bucket!

Flood buckets contain essential cleaning supplies to help people clean up their homes and businesses following a flooding disaster.

In 2017, the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Disaster Response Network invited congregations to bring flood buckets to the 2017 Synod Assembly in Decorah. Congregations responded by bringing 150 flood buckets!

In addition, St. John Lutheran, Cedar Falls, donated 150 flood buckets to celebrate the congregation's 150th anniversary. Other congregations have also reached out to help neighboring communities affected by flooding.

Thank You!

The flood buckets have been stored at Glenwood Lutheran, Decorah; Grace Lutheran, Tripoli; and the Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management, Mason City.



In little more than a year, more than 200 of the buckets have been used for clean up after flooding in Sumner and Mason City.

You can help replenish the synod's supply of buckets, so that we can remain ready to respond when flooding occurs again in Northeastern Iowa.

To donate or to learn more, contact:

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HOW TO MAKE A FLOOD BUCKET

Each flood bucket must be assembled according to the instructions below, with all items listed. The value of each flood bucket is approximately \$60.

BUCKET CONTENTS:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- One scrub brush
- Five dust masks
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes (at least one fairly hefty for washing mold)
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Two pairs latex gloves (long heavy-duty, like Playtex® dishwashing gloves, not the thin ones sold for painting etc.)
- One pair work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)

- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

All cleaning items must be new — all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened.

Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Please Note: Do NOT substitute items, add items, or leave items out of the buckets. If the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size.

Suggestions from Lutheran Disaster Response: Many items can be purchased at local dollar stores at a substantial savings. The Lysol cleaner can be difficult to find — be sure it is a concentrated formula.

If items are in boxes (like the trash bags), the box can be removed to conserve space in the bucket. Packaging from the dust masks can also be removed and the mask placed in a zip lock bag.

ADD A NOTE!

You are encouraged to add to the bucket a personal note wishing the user well, identifying the congregation where the bucket came from, etc.

This can be taped to the exterior of the bucket.