

# Make a Flood Bucket!

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

The Northeastern Iowa Synod's Disaster Response Network began a flood bucket preparedness project in 2017 by inviting congregations to bring flood buckets to the Synod Assembly. Some 150 buckets were donated that first year, and congregations have continued to assemble and donate flood buckets to build the supply on hand.

## Thank You!

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



In recent years, synod volunteers have delivered hundreds of the buckets to help with flood recovery in several communities in this synod and in the neighboring Western Iowa Synod.

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.

### 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.