

To Sustain Everyday Life: UMCOR Kits Are Another Way to Give **UMCOR Sager Brown Material Resources Specifications**

United Methodists believe in helping their neighbor, whether across the street or in another nation. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) offers several ways for people of faith to respond generously to human needs around the world, including donations of material resources.

UMCOR Kits are material resources that provide many essential supplies for everyday life. You can donate complete kits -- or you may prefer to give bulk supplies that volunteers will assemble at UMCOR Sager Brown, the place where your donations are stored while they await dispatch. (See <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/sagerbrown/> for more information about this United Methodist facility.)

The following pages contain specifications for donations, bulk items or kits; value per kit; shipping and processing costs to deliver kits to their final destinations; and shipping instructions. Please follow directions exactly. Include all items; do not add items that are not on the lists. Extra gifts, though given with the best of intentions, render a kit unusable and must be removed. Please note: All items sent must be new.

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Health Kit

(Updated: 07/11/2005)

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz. or larger, expiration date must be 6 months or longer in advance of the date of shipment to UMCOR Sager Brown)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

Value: \$12 per kit.

In a separate envelope, please send a check for at least \$1 for each kit to help UMCOR Sager Brown with the costs of processing and shipping kits around the world.

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School Kit

(Updated: 02/26/2005)

In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. Often students must write down everything the teacher says or records on a board. Their teacher's knowledge and their own notes are their only textbooks. School kits may be these children's only educational resources. This UMCOR kit is designed for a variety of ages.

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 ½" x 11" ruled paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2 ½"
- 12 sheets construction paper (varied colors)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Prepare a 14" x 16" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and a closure (Velcro®, snap or button) and place items in the bag. Patterns are available from UMCOR Sager Brown or on our website: <http://www.sagerbrown.org>.

Value: \$11 per kit.

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Layette Kit

(Updated: 12/1/2003)

Many women do not have swaddling clothes with which to welcome their child into the world. Layette kits provide basic supplies for their baby's needs.

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits
- 2 baby washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater open in the front
- 2 receiving blankets

Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

Value: \$35 per kit.

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Sewing Kit

(Updated: 12/1/2003)

Sewing kits foster independence rather than dependence. Women can make clothing in their own size and in the style of their culture. Cottage industries often grow out of the sewing classes where women use these kits to practice valuable income-generating skills.

3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric)

1 pair sewing scissors

1 package of needles

1 spool of thread

5-8 matching buttons

Wrap sewing notions in the fabric and place in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

Value: \$18 per kit.

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Kits to Assist in Recovery from Disasters

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Flood Bucket

(Updated: 9/1/2004)

These supplies help people begin the overwhelming cleanup job after a flood or storm.

5-gallon bucket with resealable lid

Bleach--two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle (Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)

5 scouring pads

Sponges, 7 pack, assorted sizes

1 scrub brush

18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)

Liquid laundry detergent two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle

1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle

Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle

50 clothes pins

Clothes line-- two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.

5 dust masks

2 pair latex gloves

1 pair work gloves

24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon-- remove roll from box before placing in bucket)

Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See special requirements below.*)

Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See special requirements below.*)

* **Special requirements:** Put all items in the plastic bucket and seal lid. Please ensure that all cleansing agents are liquids (not powder) and in plastic bottles. **All aerosols or flammables:** If aerosols are included, do not send the bucket by US mail or DHL/Airborne freight. Ship via UPS ground or FedEx ground or by truck. Pack inside the bucket or strong outer boxes. Put the ORM-D mark on the outside of any buckets or boxes containing aerosols. Download the ORM-D mark at <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/print/kits/orm-d.cfm> . Copy and tape on each bucket or box. Boxes cannot exceed 66 lbs. each.

Value: \$45 per bucket.

In a separate envelope, please send a check for at least \$1.50 for each flood bucket to help UMCOR Sager Brown with the costs of processing and shipping.

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Bedding Pak

(Updated: 12/1/2003)

2 flat double-bed sheets
2 pillowcases
2 pillows

Value: \$50 per pak.

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Another Way to Give

Bulk Materials

(Updated: 07/11/2005)

The material resources program is always happy to receive kits and buckets fully assembled with all required items. However, the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot can use large quantities of bulk items that may be easier for some churches and church groups to acquire. The top ten list of bulk material needs (listed in order of priority) is as follows:

1. Terry cloth hand towels (15" x 25" or 16" x 27", No kitchen towels)
2. Toothpaste (4.5 oz. or larger, expiration date must be 6 months or longer in advance of the date of shipment to UMCOR Sager Brown)
3. Metal nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards, no toenail clippers)
4. Children's blunt scissors
5. Pencil sharpeners (plain, small, individual sharpeners with no emblems)
6. Baby sweaters (open in the front)
7. Cloth baby diapers (cloth only--no disposable diapers)
8. Ruled paper (pad, spiral, or loose leaf)
9. Baby gowns or sleepers
10. School Bags (finished size 14" x 16")

For every ten items donated, \$1.00 is needed to help UMCOR Sager Brown with the costs of processing and shipping kits around the world.

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Kit Packing and Shipping Instructions

(Updated: 9/1/2004)

To learn what the current needs are call **1-800-814-8765**. Send completed kits to:
**UMCOR Sager Brown Depot, P.O. Box 850, 131 Sager Brown Road, Baldwin, LA
70514-0850.**

All emergency kits have been carefully planned to make them as usable as possible in the greatest number of situations. Because of strict rules imposed by international communities regarding product entry into their countries, it is important that kits contain only the items requested and nothing more. Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials. These things must be painstakingly removed and will impede the progress of the shipment. Please note that all items included in kits must be **NEW!**

Kits should be packed in boxes with only one type of kit in each box. The contents should be clearly written on the outside or inside of the box. Please complete two packing lists: one for your own records and one to put outside the box with the shipping label. Paste the **shipping label/packing list** on the outside of each box you send to UMCOR Sager Brown. Thank you for including the shipping list; it expedites the depot's work.

Please send at least \$1 for each kit (\$1.50 for Flood Buckets) for kit processing and shipping costs. This support is vital because it enables material resources to be sent without delay to areas in need. You may send the money for shipping directly to UMCOR Sager Brown at the address above along with the kits or you may send it to:
UMCOR Advance #982730, "Contain Your Joy."

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Packing List
(for your records)

From:

Kit	Quantity	Total Value
Health Kits	_____ @\$12	\$ _____
School Kits	_____ @\$11	\$ _____
Layette Kits	_____ @\$35	\$ _____
Sewing Kits	_____ @\$18	\$ _____
Bedding Paks	_____ @\$50	\$ _____
Flood Buckets	_____ @\$45	\$ _____

Estimated value for bulk items

Supplies for Health Kits	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
Supplies for School Kits	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
Supplies for Sewing Kits	_____	\$ _____
Supplies for Layette Kits	_____	\$ _____
Supplies for Flood Buckets	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
Other	_____	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

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Shipping Label and Packing List

(clip and put on outside of the box)

Paste the shipping label on the outside of each box you send to UMCOR Sager Brown. When sending packages from a mailing center, be sure to include the name of the church or the individual sending the material on the label outside of the box.

From:

To:
UMCOR Sager Brown Depot
PO Box 850
131 Sager Brown Road
Baldwin, LA 70514-0850

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