



**At Helping Hand House one of our top priorities is that families needing emergency housing enter a fully equipped home with all necessary food, supplies, and furniture and appliances in place.** We call it providing the "teaspoons to toilet paper" - and it is a vital part of making a house a home for families escaping the crisis of homelessness. Groups and individuals donate supplies throughout the year and we encourage you to consider helping supply basic needs for Helping Hand House families.

If you are interested in organizing a supply drive, see “Volunteer Opportunities” for more information.

At other times of the year such as Easter, Back to School, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, we like to provide families in our programs a way to enjoy the holiday without the stress of wondering how they can afford a holiday meal and/or gifts for their children. Therefore, during holiday seasons, our needs are different and our list of Most Needed Items may change.

## Items We Accept

### ITEMS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Scrubbing Cleaner, such as Comet, Soft Scrub	Bed Pillows	Furniture Polish
Trash Cans – Kitchen & Bathroom Sizes	*Bathroom & Kitchen Curtains	Serving Bowls
*Bath Towels	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Both Wash/Bath Gel
*Bathroom Hand Towels	Oven Cleaner	*Twin & Queen Blankets
Washcloths	Mops & Mop Buckets	Mr. Clean Eraser Pads
Brooms & Dust Pans	Casserole Dishes	Disinfectant Spray
Twin & Queen Mattress Pads (must be new)	*Twin & Queen Comforters	*Twin & Queen Sheet Sets
Can Openers	Pots & Pans	13 gallon trash can liners
Tub & Tile Cleaner	Shower Curtains & Rings	Mixing Bowls
Men & Women Deodorant	Men & Women Shaving Cream	Tampons
Regular Light Bulbs	Appliance Light Bulbs	Kitchen Hand Towels
Toilet Paper	Laundry Soap	Kitchen Dish Rags
Windex	General Cleaner, i.e., Lysol, Pine Sol	Dishwasher Detergent
Toilet Brushes	Disposable Razors	Forks
Drain Plugs		

*\* These gently used linens are accepted, but must be from pet-free and smoke-free environments, not torn and are stain free*



## **GIFT CARDS**

We gladly accept gift cards (Safeway, Fred Meyer, Walmart, Gas Stations, etc) which allow us to fulfill client needs throughout the year.

## **FOOD AND FURNITURE**

In an effort to eliminate any duplication of services, we now partner with food banks in the central Pierce County area to equip our homes with fresh and canned foods for each family that moves in. Please direct any food donations to a food bank in your area. Remember that expired food cannot be accepted.

We also partner with the Northwest Furniture Bank for our client's furniture needs. Please direct questions about donating used furniture to 253-302-3868 or viewing their website at [nwfurniturebank.org](http://nwfurniturebank.org). We are occasionally able to accept furniture if we have an immediate need for donated items. Please contact Pat Williams at 253-848-6096, ext. 102 for additional information.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Upon request, tax deduction receipts are provided for donations accepted.

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