

# FLOOD BUCKETS

The LCMS Disaster Response flood relief project engages LCMS congregations, districts and other groups in an outreach ministry to provide pre-assembled flood relief buckets to flood and hurricane survivors as part of a disaster preparedness plan.

The project calls for flood relief buckets to be assembled by LCMS congregations, districts and groups and then shipped across the United States for easy distribution following a disaster. Local congregations in the disaster-affected areas serve as the key distribution point in their communities with a special focus on those who may be homebound or otherwise unable to provide for themselves.

As part of the project, each congregation, district or group fills empty 5-gallon buckets with items from a suggested list provided by LCMS Disaster Response. The items are purchased locally and/or donated by the members of the congregation or group.

The total cost of preparing a flood relief bucket is \$25-\$30, including the cost of the 5-gallon container and lid. The cost of the suggested cleaning items range between \$15 and \$25, depending on the quality and quantity of the items purchased, including the optional broom and mop.

## How to prepare flood relief buckets

Each flood relief bucket contains:

- › Devotionals
- › Cleaning tips
- › Paper towels
- › Disposable rags
- › Glass cleaner
- › Cleansing powder
- › Liquid cleaner
- › Bleach (1-gallon size)
- › Scrub brush
- › Two pairs of rubber gloves
- › Sponge(s)
- › (Optional) broom and/or mop



Cleaning supplies and 5-gallon containers may be purchased locally.

The flood relief project is intended to be a congregation activity hosted by various groups such as the youth group, a Bible study group, men's or women's group, Lutheran Women's Missionary League or Lutheran Laymen's League group, etc.

The project is coordinated on a district level by LCMS District Disaster Response Coordinators and District Disaster Response Teams.

For additional information, logo decals and devotional materials, please contact LCMS Disaster Response at 888-THE LCMS (843-5267) or [lcms.org/disaster](http://lcms.org/disaster).