

Veterans Exiting Homelessness: Move-in-Essentials

When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence they often do not have the basic items needed to set up their new home. Aside from a need for bedding and furniture they need the basic items we often take for granted. Begin a collection drive at your house of worship organization this week. Military Outreach USA or one of its partners will pick up the items that are donated and deliver them to a VA facility to be distributed to a veteran in need.

Personal Hygiene

Bath Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Razor
Shaving Cream
Deodorant
Combs
Hair Brush
Nail Clipper
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Sunscreen
Chapstick

Kitchen and Cleaning

Kitchen Trash Can
Windex
Pine Sol
Dishwashing Liquid
Dishcloth
Sponge
Mop
Bucket
Broom
Dustpan
Paper Towels

Bathroom

Shower Curtain
Toilet Paper
Plunger
Toilet Brush
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Bath Towels
Wash Cloth

Miscellaneous

Smoke Detector Battery
Flashlight w/Batteries
Wall Calendar
Appointment Book
Garbage Bags
Laundry Basket
Hamper
Laundry Detergent
Aluminum Foil
Pampers (Diapers)
Light Bulbs



These Move-In-Essentials provide a Veteran exiting homelessness with the basics needed as they transition to their new, permanent residence.

These items are needed on a continuing basis.

If you have questions, please contact us:

info@militaryoutreachusa.org

If you prefer to make a tax deductible donation to help in this program, please send your check to:

Military Outreach USA
3020 Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL 60062
www.militaryoutreachusa.org

Note in Memo section of your check: **VEHP**



Move-in-Essentials Drive

Collecting *Move-In-Essentials* is very similar to a food or clothing drive. These are some recommended steps. But there is no hard or fast rule concerning how or who monitors the collection process.

- Identify someone in your House of Worship or Organization who will be the “go to person” that will keep Military Outreach USA or the local VA contact person informed of donations being collected.
- If storage is a concern, contact your local municipality, VFW or American Legion Post to see if they have some space you can use until donated items are picked up. Check with a local realtor to see if they know of unused warehouse space that can be used on a temporary basis.
- Get your youth groups involved. Reach out to area schools, both public and parochial. Many schools encourage community service projects. Make sure to contact your local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops to help in this community activity.
- Contact local businesses to provide you with donations or discounts on products
- Contact a local veteran’s organization such as the American Legion or VFW to help with collection or delivery.
- Contact your local media. Nothing generates more interest in a community than a project that will serve veterans.
- Plan a celebration event for all donors and workers. Appreciation will go a long way for getting help in future drives.
- Make this program an ongoing part of your community outreach