

PNWUMC Disaster Response “Hygiene Kit” Guidance

Thank you for supporting the PNW Conference Disaster Response mission! UMCOR and PNW Conference Hygiene Kits are an integral part of our relief efforts for disaster survivors.

Here's a link to an UMCOR video demonstrating how to assemble the kits. Below are the instructions: [UMCOR Hygiene Kit - Global Ministries \(umcmmission.org\)](http://umcmmission.org) The PNW Conference follows the same protocol as UMCOR when assembling our kits.

Assembly Instructions:

- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air and seal.

Guidance:

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Only include the items on the UMCOR list - no cash, crosses, notes, extra supplies, etc are to be added.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.
- **Do NOT include toothpaste.** It's a perishable item that can be added as the kits are ready for delivery.

Boxing Instructions:

- **Pack only in a "banker's box" size at 10"x12"x15"**. Our storage sites and transportation planning are contingent upon this box. The boxes are easy to find - Costco, Lowes, Walmart, Amazon, etc have these in stock.
- Mark the type of kit, the number of kits in the box and the date on the outside of the box to help with inventory management and rotation.

Hygiene Kit Materials:

One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)

- No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

One washcloth

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One comb

- Must be sturdy with at least 4-7 inches of teeth
- No pocket combs or picks
- Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 4-7 inches of teeth

One toenail or fingernail clipper

- No emery boards or metal nail files

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)

- No Ivory or Jergen's soap
- Do not remove from packaging

One adult toothbrush

- Do not remove from packaging
- Personal advertising not acceptable

10 adhesive bandages ($\frac{3}{4}$ by 3 inches)

- Common household bandages acceptable

One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

(*Do not add toothpaste when assembling kits!)



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