

# Welcome Kits

## Sharing the warmth of welcome

**Many refugees and asylees arrive to Sacramento with only a suitcase full of belongings.**

Resettlement agencies like Opening Doors prepare for their arrival by securing a place to live and furnishing it with essential household goods like towels, bedding, pots and pans, cooking utensils, plates, etc. If the arriving family includes an infant, we also deliver essential baby care items like diapers, wipes, carseats, and more.

**Welcome Kits are the easiest way to make a big impact!**

Review the Welcome Kits and purchase these items or organize a donation drive to collect one or more welcome kits listed on the next page.



### HOW TO BUILD A KIT

1. **Select** one or more Welcome Kits.
2. **Mobilize** your friends, family, church, or school group to shop for or collect all the items on the list.
3. **Collect** all items in a box or reusable plastic bin and tape your completed shopping list to the outside of the box.
4. **Visit [openingdoorsinc.org/welcome-kits](https://openingdoorsinc.org/welcome-kits)** to RSVP for an upcoming Drop Off Day.
5. **Please email us to inquire** about other items such as furniture or appliances at [volunteers@openingdoorsinc.org](mailto:volunteers@openingdoorsinc.org).

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, corporate logos, slogans, camouflage, or other potentially divisive images or symbols.
- We are unable to accept donations at our main office.
- We understand things like brooms and/or trash bins may not fit in a box or crate; feel free to leave separated.

### WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- Used Clothing
- Used mattresses
- Used pillows/pillowcases
- Upholstered furniture – sofas, chairs, etc.
- Used Car Seats

# Welcome Kits: Shopping List

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**Print this handy list and take with you as you shop or coordinate collection of items. Check off all purchased items and tape this shopping list to the outside of your collection box.**

## BEDROOM KIT

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2x Twin sheet sets    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Full sheet set    | OPTIONAL:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2x Twin size blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Full size blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Blankets (Twin, Full, Queen)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4x Pillows            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Sheet Sets (Twin, Full, Queen) |

## KITCHEN KIT

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Set of cooking utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Baking dish            | <input type="checkbox"/> Service for 4: Drinking Glasses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Can opener              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Cooking pot            | OPTIONAL:  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Large trash bin         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Frying pan             | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Tea kettle                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pack of trash bags      | <input type="checkbox"/> Service for 4: Silverware | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Cutting board                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Mixing/serving bowl     | <input type="checkbox"/> Service for 4: Dishes     |  |

*\* OK to deliver glassware, dishes, and/or full pots & pans sets outside of Kitchen Kit box due size or fragility*

## BATHROOM KIT

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4x Washcloths            | <input type="checkbox"/> 4x Toothbrushes      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Men's disposable razors   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4x Bath towels           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Toothpaste        | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Women's disposable razors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4x Hand towels           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Men's deodorant   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Shower curtain & hooks    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4x Rolls of toilet paper | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Women's deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Hairbrush/Comb            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Shampoo               | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Hand soap         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Box of sanitary pads      |

## HOUSE CLEANING KIT

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Dish soap     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Small waste basket | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Box of laundry detergent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Spray cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pack of trash bags | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Toilet cleaning brush    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2x Sponges       | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Broom              | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Toilet cleaning gel      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2x Dish cloths   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Dust pan           | <input type="checkbox"/> 2x Rolls of paper towels    |

*\*OK to deliver brooms and/or waste baskets outside of box due to size*

## SCHOOL KIT

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Backpack          | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pencil box or pouch  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pack of colored pencils  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Box of #2 pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pack of crayons      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Blunt-tip scissors       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pencil sharpener  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pack of highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Glue stick               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Eraser            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2x Subject folders      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Wide-ruled notebook      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x 3-Ring binder     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x 12" Ruler            | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pack of loose leaf paper |

*\* Please package items inside backpack*

## BABY KIT

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Box of diapers | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Sippy cup    | OPTIONAL:  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Baby wipes     | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Baby blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Diaper bag           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Baby bottle    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pacifier     | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra diapers, any size |

*\* Please write the age range of kit on the outside of box/crate and deliver diapers outside of Baby Kit box*

## TRANSPORT KIT

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Sacramento Regional Transit Map  | Visit <a href="http://sacrt.com">sacrt.com</a> to purchase tickets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1x Pre-paid single fare ticket book |  |

**HAVE QUESTIONS?**

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# Welcome Kits | Frequently Asked Questions

## Q. Why are Welcome Kits an essential part of welcoming refugees?

A. As refugees arrive to Sacramento, each individual receives a small, one-time grant to help cover their first 60-90 days in their new home. Opening Doors is tasked with spending this small amount of money on refugees' behalf, with the majority being spent on first month's rent and deposit, initial food, and home furnishings. This money does not go very far, especially for smaller families. Having generous community members like you to collect and donate household items helps stretch this money further, leaving additional funds for other important necessities or other necessary expenses.

## Q. What is most in need?

A. According to our Refugee Programs Director, our greatest need is as follows:

1. Bedroom Kits
2. Baby Kits
3. Kitchen Kits

## Q. Can I include gently used items in the Welcome Kits?

A. We ask that items be new or VERY gently used. Our goal is to create a truly welcoming and complete home for families, not burden them with broken or heavily-used items that may prove unusable. (No stains, tears, frayed edges, pet hair/odor, chipped dishes, dead batteries, missing pieces, used/old toiletries, toothbrushes, etc.)

## Q. How can I get the Welcome Kits to you?

A. We have Drop Off Days scheduled. RSVP at <https://www.openingdoorsinc.org/welcome-kits>

## Q. Gently used car seats and/or booster seats ok?

A. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any used car or booster seats.

## Q. Do you accept furniture donations?

A. Unfortunately, no. Right now, we do not have the capacity to manage large donations.

## Q. Do you accept other gently used items as donations?

A. Right now, we are prioritizing the items we are required to supply when furnishing a refugee family's new home. If you wish to donate items other than welcome kits, the following items are gratefully accepted and will be used to supplement the contents of existing kits:

1. Diapers in all sizes
2. Baby wipes
3. Blanket & Sheet Sets Combo (Twin or Full)
4. Set of Dishes and/or family-friendly glassware (no stemmed glassware)