

# DONATION LIST

When a refugee arrives in Iowa, they typically only bring a suitcase or two. USCRI Des Moines relies on donations from community members to ensure that each refugee is provided with the items that are essential to daily life.

We have provided here a list of the items most needed to set up a house for newly arriving families.

We accept *new, gently used and good condition* items and cannot make repairs or launder items. **All items must be clean!**

Please drop off your donation at our office, (Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30). A pick up may also be available within the city of Des Moines for furniture items but may take a week or more to arrange. Monetary contributions and donated gift cards are also greatly appreciated by refugee families. Most helpful are \$25 gift cards for Price Chopper or Walmart. Donations to USCRI, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, are tax-deductible.

*We graciously cannot accept:*

- Used mattresses, box springs and bed frames
- TVs, VCRs
- Washing machines/dryers
- Microwaves, Stoves
- Glass picture frames and mirrors
- Clothing except for winter wear
- Books except for dictionaries
- Non-essential items (baskets, etc.)

## Kitchen

Dishes, Glasses  
Silverware  
Pots and Pans  
Rice Cookers  
Cooking Utensils  
Mixing Bowls  
Can Openers  
Cutting boards  
Dish drying racks  
Kitchen towels/pot holders/dish cloths

## Bathroom

Bath Towels  
Bathmats  
Shower Curtain & Rings  
Toilet Paper

## Household

Paper, Notebooks  
Pens, Pencils  
School Supplies  
Scissors  
Light Bulbs, Lamps  
Flashlights

## Personal Hygiene

Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Soap, Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Disposable Razors  
Sanitary Napkins  
Diapers  
Other Baby Items

## Bedroom

Sheet Sets: Twin, Double  
Comforters/Blankets  
Pillowcases  
Alarm Clocks  
Clothing Hangers

## Furniture

Coffee tables  
End tables  
Couches  
Dining tables/chairs  
Living room chairs  
Dressers  
Lamps

## Cleaning Supplies

Mops, Buckets  
Brooms, Dustpans  
Toilet Brush/Holders  
Wastebaskets  
Dish Soap, Sponges  
Kitchen Cleanser  
All-Purpose Cleaner  
Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels  
Trash Bags

## Winter Wear

Coats  
Boots  
Gloves, Mittens  
Hats, Scarves

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