

## 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](mailto: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](http://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