

Emergency Housing “Welcome Home” Program

Our “Welcome Home” program furnishes YWCA shelter units for families before they arrive with items to make their new housing into a home.

What do our emergency shelter families need?

New and gently used items to make a home comfortable and to keep households clean. We use donations to create “Welcome Home” kits by room to help fully furnish an apartment.

<p>Bedroom (1-2/unit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Full ‘bed in a bag’ – sheets / bedding / blanket • 2 Twin ‘bed in a bag’ – sheets / bedding / blanket • pillows • mirrors - full-length / wall • lamps • clock • felt/plastic hangers • tissues • small trashcan 	<p>Kitchen/Dining Room (set of 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dishes / silverware • glasses / mugs • kitchen utensils / holder • dish drying racks / dish soap • cutlery and holders • pots and pans • baking sheets / bake ware • bowls and serving ware • can opener / kitchen scissors • small working appliances – coffee pot / toaster / microwave 	<p>Bathroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • towels and bath mats • new, full-sized shampoo / conditioner / lotion • women’s/men’s deodorant • razors / soap / shaving cream / tweezers • toothbrushes / toothpaste • hairbrushes / combs / dryers • shower curtain / caddies • feminine hygiene products • first aid kits • toilet paper / tissues
<p>Living Room and Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blankets / throws • decorative pillows • lamps • office supplies – pens / pencils / notebook / scissors / journal • small area rugs (max 5’x7’) • colorful and friendly artwork • placemats / napkins / napkin holder 	<p>Cleaning Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper towels / cleaning cloths • cleaners* – window / bleach / liquid dish / hand soap • laundry detergent* / clothes drying rack • toilet brush / plunger • kitchen and bathroom trashcans / garbage bags • mop / broom / dustpan • sponges / gloves / buckets 	<p>Wish Lists and Registries</p> <p>search for “YWCA Seattle” lists at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon lists https://a.co/0GLVs7M https://a.co/1KwKJmN

* New and unopened only – we cannot accept open containers of cleaning products

What are the items the YWCA cannot accept?

Stained or ripped bedding, pillows

Opened or partially used cleaning products

Broken items or chipped glasses / dishes

Broken, non-working appliances

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Where can I drop off or ship items and what is the process?

We are happy and available to accept donations by appointment, 9:30 am-5pm Mon-Fri

If dropping off items, please call ahead to let us know you are coming and we can direct you to the best location to drop off your items.

If ordering online, please let us know your order is coming by emailing Lori Bugaj at lbugaj@ywcaworks.org. Ship items to:

YWCA Phillis Wheatley office
ATTN: Lori Bugaj/Emergency Housing Needs
2820 E Cherry St
Seattle, WA 98122

When you arrive, we will gladly help you unload your items. We have in-kind donation forms we ask you to fill out that you can use as a tax receipt for your donation. To determine the estimated value of your donation, we suggest you use online “Donation Valuation Guide” sources to help you. When you **fill out an in-kind donation form**, it helps with our current and future shelter planning capabilities.

Thank you for helping our YWCA families!