

One+Plus Kits! A First Step for Disaster Relief in the Metro-Washington DC region



When disasters such as flooding strike a community, relief efforts arrive through many agencies. **Lutheran Disaster Response** has found a way to effectively contribute to these efforts. One+Plus kits are designed to fill the gaps in existing disaster relief efforts. Our guiding example is this: Many times when relief efforts pour in, there is plenty of canned food for distribution, but no one has a can opener.

The One+Plus kit is designed around this idea: ***Don't forget the can opener!***

One+Plus Kit Contents Checklist:

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| — Sturdy can opener | — Small roll duct tape |
| — 3-4 Utility candles (not tea lights) | — Latex gloves (large or XL size only) |
| — 2 small boxes wooden matches | — Small sewing and/or first aid kit |
| — 4 pens and pencils | — Scrub sponge |
| — pencil sharpener | — (Optional) deck playing cards |
| — Steno-size spiral notebook | — (Optional) dishcloth or tea towel |
| — Sharpie permanent pen | — (Optional) vinyl laundry or utility bag |
| — Small sandwich bag with: rubber bands and paper clips | |
| — "Traveler" package antibacterial hand wipes | |

Package kit items in plastic shoe box container (Please no over-sized boxes).

Instructions:

Many items are regularly available from the "Dollar Tree" franchise and can be ordered in bulk through their internet site for large-scale projects.

Toiletries are not included in these kits.

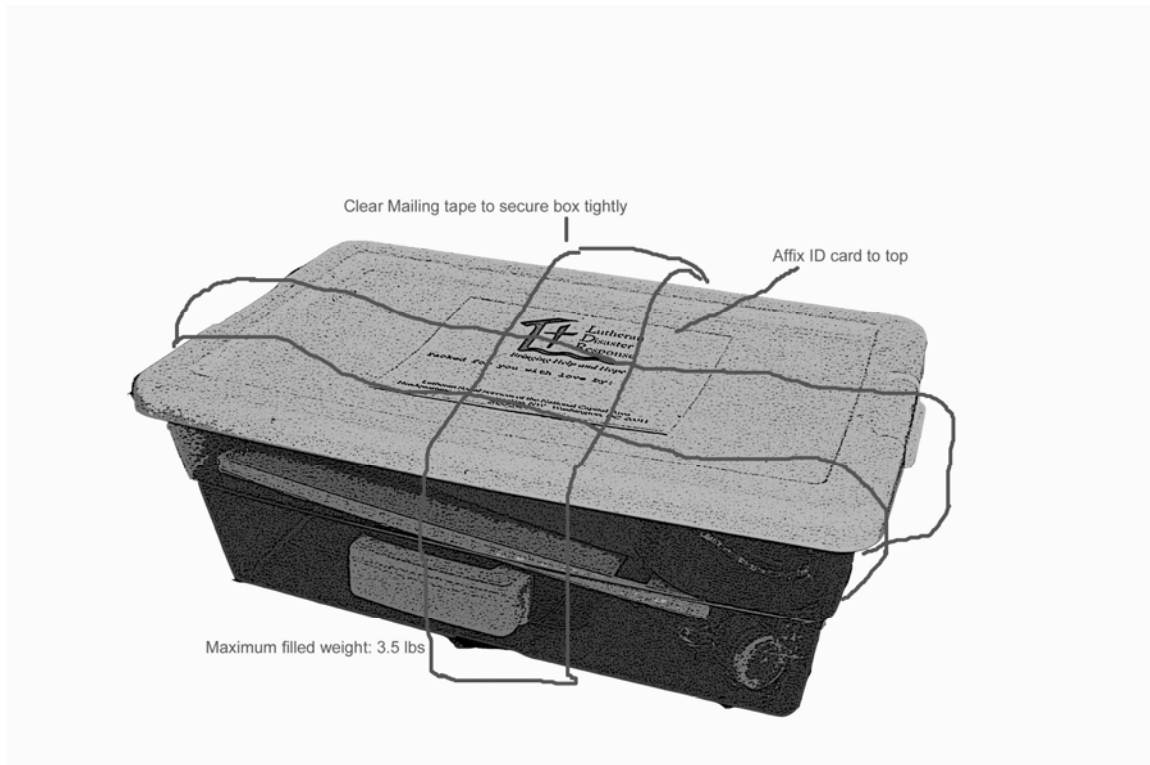
Contact LDR coordinator for assistance with organizing a collection and having a presentation at your church/group meeting.



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One+Plus Kits! Packing Instructions



- Cross-check contents of boxes to checklist.
- Have packer sign an ID card and attach to outside lid of box. Volunteers are encouraged to share words (or drawings) that express their compassion for the receiver of the kit on the back of the card.
- Please, NO prayer/scripture tracts or booklets in the kits. Devotionals are offered to disaster survivors in other ways.
- Seal box shut with clear mailing tape in crosswise fashion as illustrated
- Package kits in cardboard cartons: 20"x20"x24" cartons are sold by Staples in sets of 3. Each carton will hold 16 kits. Add crumpled newspaper to fill gaps in carton.
- Close with strapping tape and affix LDR shipping label to side of box.

Request copies or a document file to print your own copies of: Kit ID card (1 per kit needed) and LDR shipping label (1 per every 16 kits needed).

Discuss storage location options with Coordinator before beginning any project involving more than 16 kits.



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