



# Flood Relief

## Project

The LCMS Disaster Response Flood Relief project engages LCMS congregations, districts and other groups in an outreach ministry to provide pre-assembled flood relief buckets to flood and hurricane survivors as part of a disaster preparedness plan.

The project calls for flood relief buckets to be assembled by LCMS congregations, districts and groups and then shipped across the United States for easy distribution following a disaster. Local congregations in the disaster-affected areas serve as the key distribution point in their communities with a special focus on those who may be homebound or otherwise unable to provide for themselves.

As part of the project, each congregation, district or group fills empty 5-gallon buckets with items from a suggested list provided by LCMS Disaster Response. The items are purchased locally and/or donated by the members of the congregation or group.

The total cost of preparing a flood relief bucket is \$25-\$30, including the cost of the 5-gallon container and lid. The cost of the suggested cleaning items is \$15-\$25, depending on the quality and quantity of the items purchased, including the optional broom and mop.

The flood relief project is part of the comprehensive LCMS Disaster Response action plan. For more information, please call 800-THE LCMS (843-5271) or visit [www.lcms.org/disaster](http://www.lcms.org/disaster).

### How to prepare flood relief buckets

The LCMS Disaster Response Flood Relief project provides cleaning supplies for those affected by flooding across the United States. Flood relief buckets are assembled by volunteers and include basic cleaning supplies that are needed to begin home cleanup following a flood or hurricane. Each flood relief bucket contains:

- › Devotionals
- › Cleaning tips
- › Paper towels
- › Disposable rags
- › Glass cleaner
- › Cleansing powder
- › Liquid cleaner
- › Bleach (1-gallon size)
- › Scrub brush
- › Two pairs of rubber gloves
- › Sponge(s)
- › (Optional) broom and/or mop

The flood relief project is intended to be a congregation activity hosted by various groups such as the youth group, a Bible study group, men's or women's group, Lutheran Women's Missionary League or Lutheran Laymen's League group, etc. The project is coordinated on a district level by



LCMS District Disaster Response Coordinators and District Disaster Response Teams.

For additional information, logo decals and devotional materials, please contact LCMS Disaster Response at 800-THE LCMS or [www.lcms.org/disaster](http://www.lcms.org/disaster).

**Thoughts regarding the importance of mercy in action!**

The Body of Christ has many members and when “one member suffers, all suffer together” (1 Cor. 12:26a ESV). We are aware of what sin can do to us and in times of disaster we see what sin can do in the world through nature or mankind. Sin, sickness and destruction are not natural to the world God first created. How can we prepare for what never

should be? How can we prepare for something that may affect us in totally unpredictable ways in body and soul?

*“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth”* (1 John 3:17–18 ESV).

*“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead”* (James 2:14, 17 ESV).

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith”* (Gal. 6:10 ESV).