



## Community Collaborative:

### Flood Buckets/Cleaning Kits Assembly for UMCOR

As an extension of Hinton Rural Life Center's Safe and Healthy Homes initiative, we are coordinating a collaborative community effort to assemble flood buckets/cleaning kits for UMCOR to support disaster response. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), founded in the 1940s, has decades of experience serving individuals impacted by catastrophic events. Their cleaning buckets, previously referred to as flood buckets, contain a carefully curated list of supplies essential for cleaning homes and structures affected by water damage.

#### What are UMCOR Flood Buckets/Cleaning Kits?

These kits provide supplies for people to clean their homes after floods, hurricanes, and other natural disasters. Each kit contains essential cleaning items (see attached list). Weight of each bucket is kept to 70 pounds in order to be moved about as needed, so ***please stick to the list as described.***

#### Process for Individuals/Groups/Churches in Our Community Wanting to Participate:

1. **Collect donations**, either financial or from the Cleaning Kit List.
2. With the collected financial donations (from individuals or corporate), **purchase supplies** on the Cleaning Kit List.
3. **Organize supplies** at an assembly site.
4. **Set a date and time to invite volunteers to assemble buckets** (as directed in the video <https://umcmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>).
5. **Deliver completed Cleaning Kits to Hinton Center's Educational Tool Barn** at the corner of Hinton Center Road and Retreat Drive, across from the Clay County Food Pantry, in Hayesville. Look for signs as to where buckets are being stored for distribution. You can **also bring your extra supplies, partially-filled buckets, and donations**. Hinton volunteers will continue to fill buckets.
6. Hinton Center is in contact with UMCOR and Disaster Relief to distribute the buckets to neighbors in need.

#### How You Can Help:

- **Donate Supplies:** Each flood bucket/cleaning kit requires specific items. You can purchase one or more items or sponsor a full kit. Items can be collected at individual churches and other organizations or dropped off at Hinton Center's Educational Tool Barn in Hayesville, at the corner of Hinton Center Road and Retreat Drive, across from the Clay County Food Pantry.

- **Assemble Kits:** Volunteers will meet at designated locations to assemble the cleaning kits. Locations, dates, and times will be announced. Hinton will host assembly starting on the second weekend of October, which allows for time to collect supplies.
- **Donate Funds:** Financial donations are also needed to help purchase supplies in bulk or cover shipping/transportation costs. Estimated costs are \$75 for a cleaning kit and \$3 per kit for shipping. Financial donations (cash/check) can be dropped off at Hinton Center from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday or made online through PayPal or credit card at <https://hintoncenter.org/donate/> (note: Hurricane Relief).

**Churches and Other Organizations:** You may choose to collect and assemble items at your location and/or bring items to Hinton to be assembled here. Completed buckets can be delivered to Hinton Center's Educational Tool Barn. We are in contact with Disaster Response and UMCOR to get the buckets to our neighbors in need.

**Assembly Dates and Locations:** We are still in the coordination stages of assembly dates and locations. Hinton will host one by the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October to provide time to gather supplies. We will post the location, dates, and times as they are made available. Follow us on social media or stay connected through our email distribution by completing the Volunteer Interest Form:

**Volunteer Interest Form:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\\_8TOFWS3tJRdA3HQbRRBhK-Gtr7-f02MgvYmEj28v-So-pg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_8TOFWS3tJRdA3HQbRRBhK-Gtr7-f02MgvYmEj28v-So-pg/viewform)

Thank you for helping support disaster relief efforts through this vital mission! Together, we can make a difference in the lives of neighbors impacted by Hurricane Helene.

For more information or questions, please contact:

Blessings,

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