



Next Step Up In-Kind Giving Guidelines

Next Step Up welcomes in-kind donations that directly support our Guests during their stay and as they transition into more permanent housing. To ensure safety, dignity and effectiveness, we have specific guidelines around what we accept and how we manage these generous gifts. All donations must be reviewed and accepted by the designated staff contact. We reserve the right to decline items that do not meet our guidelines.

All items will be available to Guests at the shelter and added to our Next Step Baskets that are given to Guests who are transitioning to a new home. Bigger items are accepted on an as-needed basis for specific Guests as they transition out of Next Step Up.

What we accept

We accept the following **new and unopened** items:

- Hygiene products: Full-size and travel-size toiletries (e.g., shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene items).
- Cleaning supplies: All-purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, disinfecting wipes, sponges, paper towels, etc.
- Transition items: Household essentials for Guests moving out of shelter (e.g., kitchen utensils, bath towels, small appliances, dishes, etc.).
- Bulk food donations: Pre-prepared meals or packaged food items sufficient to feed 27 shelter Guests.

*Note: Before buying items or preparing meals you **MUST** coordinate donations with the Shelter management. We do not accept donations without an appointment.*

Amazon Wishlist

Next Step Up curates a wish list of items for our Guests and items that are used in the shelter on a normal basis. Wishlist items are automatically shipped to the Next Step Up offices. It can be found [here](#).

Special Items

- Furniture and larger household items: Gently used items from smoke-free homes such as nightstands, lamps, and small furnishings may be accepted only when a Guest is transitioning out and has a specific need.
- Please note: Next Step Up does not provide transportation for these items, so coordinating delivery to the Guest requires advanced planning and communication.

What we will not accept

- Clothing – new or used
- Opened or expired food
- Used mattresses or pillows
- Broken electronics
- Children's toys – new or used
- Items with strong odors, pet hair or stains
- Furniture items outside of specific requests

Donation drop-off

Drop-offs at the shelter are accepted by **appointment only** with prior notice. Please contact Jessie Kane, jkane@mmha.org.

Contact for donations

For questions or to arrange a donation, please contact:
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