

Refugee Care Collective

Restart Kits: Support Newly Arriving Families

Refugee Care Collective is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that comes alongside refugees as they rebuild their lives in Oregon.

Since 2015, Refugee Care Collective has brought care to hundreds of refugee families and individuals who have been resettled after fleeing war, violence, and persecution.

Refugees arrive to Oregon with few possessions and have to quickly build their lives again. Restart kits are filled with essential household items and are received by newly arriving families and individuals. It's a first step in saying:

"You are not alone. We are for you. You are welcome here."



Host a Collection Event

- Email us at info@refugeecare.org to share your interest in hosting a collection event. We'll provide further information and answer any questions you have.
- Select a day, weekend, or few week period for your community to gather Restart Kits. (Scheduling at least 1-2 months out tends to have a larger response.) Then, select 1-2 types of kits to ask your community to assemble and bring to your location at the scheduled time.
- Promote the collection! Share in an email newsletter, announcement, and/or on social media. Tag [@refugeecarecollective](https://www.instagram.com/refugeecarecollective) on Instagram and in any photos.
- Drop off Restart Kits at our Tigard warehouse at a scheduled time. We have limited capacity to transport kits, but please let us know if transportation is a challenge.
- We'll share stories with you in the following week about the role your community had in serving our refugee neighbors.



REFUGEE CARE COLLECTIVE

Refugee Care Collective Restart Kits

Most refugees arrive to Oregon with few possessions, and you can help them rebuild their lives by building a Restart Kit. Choose a category below, place the items in a clear plastic tub that can close, and label the top of the container with the Restart Kit name.

Please purchase **new items** and do not tape the tub closed. We also encourage you to include a handwritten, unsealed Welcome Note. Gift cards to Fred Meyer, Target, and Winco are always appreciated as well. Please visit RefugeeCare.org/Restart for more information.

Thank you for your care of our new neighbors!

Kitchen Kit 1

- Dishes (plates and bowls for 6-8)
- Cups/glasses (6-8)
- Mugs (6-8)
- Silverware (forks, knives, spoons for 6-8)
- Silverware tray/holder for drawer
- Dish towels (2)
- Potholders (2)
- Paper towels and holder
- Hand soap
- Trash can (11-13 gallons) *
- Garbage bags

Kitchen Kit 2

- Mixing bowls (2-3)
- Plastic tupperware or storage containers
- Frying pan
- Large pot with lid, small pot with lid
- Baking dish (glass or ceramic)
- Cutting board
- Large carving knife, smaller paring knife
- Spatula
- Can opener

Bedding Kit

Choose twin/queen. Include on kit label.

- Comforter
- Sheets and pillow cases
- Pillow (1 for twin, 2 for queen) *

Cleaning Kit

- Mop and bucket *
- Broom and dustpan *
- Pack of sponges
- Bottle of all-purpose cleaner spray
- Toilet brush
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Light bulbs
- Tissues (2)
- Paper towels (2)

Baby Kit

Choose any size. Include on kit label.

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Small baby items (onesies, rattle, etc.)

Bathroom Kit

- Bath towels (6)
- Hand towels (4)
- Washcloths (6-8)
- Water-resistant shower curtain with rings
- Floor bathmat
- Hand soap
- Rolls of toilet paper (4)
- Small waste basket

Personal Care Kit

- Toothbrushes (4-6)
- Toothpaste (2)
- Shampoo (2)
- Conditioner (2)
- Deodorant (2 men's, 2 women's)
- Bars of soap (3)
- Razors (4)
- Shaving cream (2)
- Nail clippers and file
- Eyebrow tweezers
- Feminine hygiene pads (No tampons please)
- Rolls of toilet paper (4)

Welcome Kit

- Tea kettle and tea
- Calendar
- Scented jar candle with lighter
- Blanket
- "Welcome" doormat
- Notebook and pens
- Chocolate
- Umbrella
- Soccer ball

** If this item doesn't fit in the tub, please tape it to the top of the kit.*

2023 Collection Dates at the
Refugee Care Collective Warehouse

1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18