

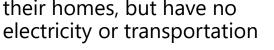
#### **LAUNDRY RESPONSE TEAM**

People displaced from their homes during a disaster may require assistance with cleaning their clothing.

# Consider who might need assistance:

**Shelter Clients** 

Homebound congregation members Congregation members who are in their homes, but have no







#### WAYS CONGREGATIONS CAN ASSIST



Volunteers take laundry home to wash, dry and fold.

Coordinate with a nearby laundromat to allow Shelter Clients to wash their clothing.

Coordinate with a company that specializes in mobile laundry services.







### **VOLUNTEERS CLEAN CLOTHING AT HOME**

Shelter Clients put clothing in a white, 13-gallon trash bag.

write Shelter name, Client name and Date on the bag in permanent marker

Volunteer picks up bag of laundry and clean trash bag from Shelter, signs out the laundry. Volunteer also picks up laundry detergent, if provided by the Congregation.

Volunteer washes, dries and folds clothing.

Volunteer puts clothing in a new trash bag. write Shelter name, Client name and Date on the bag in permanent marker

Volunteer returns the cleaned clothing to the Shelter, signs in the laundry.



# **LAUNDRY CONSIDERATIONS**

If the laundry bag contains items other than clothing, close the bag and label that it cannot be washed until the Owner removes items that are not washable.

Wash and dry whites and colors separately to avoid bleeding of colors.

Clothing for multiple families should be washed separately – don't co-mingle.

Use dye-free, fragrance free detergents, Avoid the use of dryer sheets.

Shelter Clients may have allergies to these substances



# **LAUNDRY CONSIDERATIONS (CONT'D)**

If laundry is wet, spin or rinse prior to washing

Add 2 cups of white vinegar to the drum with the clothes to cut any mildew or mold odor. Oxyclean also works and can be combined with vinegar.

Clothing that was wet may need to be washed TWICE.

Cleaned clothing should be returned to the Shelter within 24 hours.

Volunteers may wish to sanitize their washers after several loads. This can be done using the Clean Cycle of their washer, or by running a cycle using hot water and 1/2 cup of chlorine bleach. Running a second rinse cycle will ensure all bleach is removed from the tub.



# PARTNER WITH A LAUNDROMAT, SCHOOL OR GYM



Arrange designated days and times during which Shelter Clients may use washers and dryers.

Congregation would arrange transportation of the Clients to and from the laundromat, school or gym, using the church bus.

Congregation would pay any cost associated with the use of the facility.



#### **MOBILE LAUNDRY TRAILER**



Mobile laundry trailers would provide several washers and dryers at the Congregation's location.

Trailers can be sourced through a mission non-profit, a laundry detergent company, or other source.

#### **Laundry Team Responsibilities:**

Schedule time for each Client's access to the laundry trailer, or Schedule volunteer shifts to clean clothing Check supply levels Ensure the trailer is kept clean Report any machines that are broken

Coordinate demobilization date with supplier.



## **RISK MANAGEMENT**



#### **Safety**

If laundry services will be provided for homebound or other Congregation members, care should be taken to confirm the identity of the person requesting the services prior to sending a volunteer to pick up the laundry.

#### **Insurance**

Confirm that insurance coverage is adequate for the chosen laundry services.

#### COVID-19

Adhere to current CDC, local government, TXCDR, Red Cross and Congregational Guidelines.

In the case of conflicting guidelines, use the most stringent.

