

Furniture and Basic Household Goods

Community Support Groups are encouraged to develop a full list of items that are likely to be required in the refugee family's long-term residence, to ensure smaller items (pots and pans, linen, etc) are not forgotten. Many household goods can probably be donated, but your group should ensure they are clean and in good repair with no tears, stains or obvious damage.

Apart from basic whitegoods such as a fridge and washing machine, we encourage you to wait for refugee participants to arrive in Australia before purchasing furniture, so individual and cultural preferences can be accommodated.

Examples of cultural preferences include preferring a rug and cushions to a dining table, or a large family bed to individual beds. These should not be assumed but discussed with the matched refugee household once they're in Australia.

Below is a list (taken from the Settlement Guidebook) which is provided to settlement service providers outlining the items that constitute a full household package for newly arrived refugee households. This is provided here as a guide only - if you can, speak with your matched refugee household to ensure the items provided meet their preferences and needs.

Furniture and Basic Household Goods	
Category	Individual Items and Quantity
Whitegoods	<p>Washing Machine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 5.5kg for families with up to 4 people - Minimum 7kg for families with more than 4 people <p>Refrigerator with Inbuilt Freezer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 220 - 300L for families with up to 2 people - 300 - 380L for families with up to 6 people - 380 - 440L for families with more than 6 people
Furniture	<p>Lounge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 4 seat capacity for families with up to 2 people - Minimum 5 seat capacity for families with up to 6 clients - Minimum 6 seat capacity for families with more than 6 people <p>Table and Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 4 chairs OR rug if culturally appropriate for families with up to 6 people (plus additional chair per person) - Minimum 6 chairs OR rug if culturally appropriate for families with more than 6 people (plus additional chair per person) - 1 study desk and chair <p>Bedroom Furniture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 bed base per client or couple - 1 mattress per client or couple - 1 wardrobe and set of drawers per bedroom (where no built in robes provided) AND clothes hangers - 1 bedside table per client
Kitchen and Dining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 large heavy based pot (minimum 34cm) - 1 medium heavy based pot (minimum 20cm) - 1 wok (minimum 42cm) OR 1 fry pan (minimum 30cm) - 1 chopping board (minimum 44cm x 24cm) - 1 large kitchen knife (minimum 17cm blade) - 1 small kitchen knife (minimum 10cm blade) - 2 large cooking spoons, 1 pair kitchen tongs, 1 can opener, 1 vegetable peeler, 1 egg flip - 1 mixing bowl - 1 kettle - Food storage and canister set - Ovenware, bakeware and oven mitt - 1 toaster - Electric rice cooker OR an additional large heavy based pot - Minimum 16 piece dinner set including dinner plates, side plates, bowls and cups/mugs (plus an additional setting per person) - Minimum 16 piece cutlery set, including knives, forks, dessert spoons and teaspoons (plus an additional setting per person) - Minimum 4 drinking glasses (plus an additional glass per person)

	All items above are discretionary and can be adjusted to suit the household's needs.
Baby Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 baby cot per child under 18 months of age - 1 cot mattress per child under 18 months of age - 1 stroller or pram for each child under 3 years - Additional baby items incl. change mat, baby bath, high chair,
Linen	<p>Bedding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 doona or 2 blankets per bed, appropriate to coldest climate - 1 doona cover or quilt cover/bedspread per bed <p>Linen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 sheet set (including 2 sheets and pillow slip) per bed - 1 pillow per person - 1 mattress protector per bed - 1 bath towel per person - 2 hand towels - 2 face washers - 4 tea towels
Electronics	<p>Portable Heater or Fan (depending on climate and time of year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 for families with up to 4 people - 2 for families with more than 4 people - 1 television - minimum 56cm - 1 television stand - 1 DVD player - 1 clock
Cleaning, Safety and Sundry Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 vacuum cleaner - Mop and bucket - Broom - Dustpan and brush - Scrubbing brush or pot brush - Dishwashing rack - Toilet brush - 2 dish cloths - 1 indoor rubbish bin - 1 washing basket and pegs - 1 iron and ironing board - Fire extinguisher - Smoke detector (if not already hard wired at property) - First aid kit