



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital
Voluntary Service – Building 9
5000 S. Fifth Avenue
Hines, IL 60141

Voluntary Service Comfort Items Donation List and Guidelines

708-202-2523

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The following items are accepted throughout the year. Individual/Travel sizes of toiletry items are preferred. Please call Voluntary Service (708-202-2523) prior to bringing any items not on this list.

Alcohol free aftershave
Alcohol free mouthwash
Chapstick or lip balm
Combs
Crossword puzzle/game books
Denture adhesive
Denture cleaner (tablets)
Deodorant

Disposable razors
Word-find books
Hand & body lotion
Nail clippers
New undershirts (all sizes)
New underwear (all sizes)
Playing cards
Shampoo

Shaving cream
New sweatpants (all sizes)
New sweatshirts (all sizes)
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
New winter gloves
New winter hats

- **Magazines & Books:**

- Weekly magazines must be current / within 1 month
- Monthly magazines must be current / within 6 months
- Only paperback books are accepted

- **We DO NOT accept the following items:**

- Clothing & Lap robes/blankets:
 - Any lap robes/blankets, used clothing, or any other fabric items (this is for infection control and to ensure the safety of our patients)
- Medical Equipment:
 - Any used medical equipment (to include beds, wheelchairs, walkers)

Donation Drop Off Information:

- Voluntary Service office – Building 9
- Monday through Friday (7:00 AM – 3:00 PM), except federal holidays
- Do not leave donations outside of the office if it is closed. Items left outside of business hours are liable to be discarded.
- Please contact Voluntary Service with any additional questions: 708-202-2523

In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 8301, VA is authorized to accept donations or gifts for the benefit of patients. This list of needs is provided to inform potential donors or gift givers of the needs of the local facility to “care for those who have borne the battle”.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced that under the Tax Code donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ General Post Fund (GPF) for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as “donations to the United States.”

Donations to support any of the Department’s programs are deductible, whether the donor directs the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allow the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used.
