

REQUESTING ITEMS FROM CU FAIR

CU FAIR maintains a small stock of gently used household goods, furniture, and appliances. We provide these items free of charge to new or recently arrived immigrants and refugees to help them furnish their homes in the US. While we serve CU FAIR families first, we are pleased to make household items available to other organizations serving the immigrant population. Individual requests for items must come through a referring organization. CU FAIR tries to offer comprehensive assistance in the challenges immigrants face; please see our website for information on other services we offer including ESL classes, transportation, legal help, and more.

If your organization identifies a need in the Champaign County, please let us know about it. The following list shows items we tend to have in stock. To request any of these items, please email relocation@cu-fair.org and link to a Google Drive document if possible with the pertinent information. Items requested by the close of the business Wednesday can typically be sorted Thursday morning. Pick-up should be scheduled for soon thereafter. For larger furniture (items which may require two people to move), we ask that other organizations coordinate a truck and lifters as needed to pick up the items from our storage area at the Champaign Urbana Public Health District. If your organization needs help in picking up items or in providing other needed services to immigrants, please call on us and our modest volunteer base to help.

Organizations must include the following information before receiving help from CU FAIR. This information helps us help others in a more effective and comprehensive manner.

Name or organization:

Family name:

Family address:

Ages of immigrants:

Languages spoken in household:

English-speaking contact in family (if available):

Comments on family's situation:

Person most familiar with immigrants' needs:

Comments on how else to serve the family:

Person responsible for follow-up after items are delivered:

Items requested:

Out of respect for the dignity of the people we serve, we have carefully vetted incoming donations to assure things are in decent condition and in good working order. Sheets, towels, blankets, mattress pads, and other textiles are clean and most often have been freshly laundered by us. Sets of dishes, glasses, and flatware may be composed of non-matching individual pieces, but we have made our best effort to make these "harlequin sets" attractive.

In order to be fair to past and future "new Americans," we provide only one set of sheets per bed, one set of towels per person, etc. The in case of dishes and flatware, we provide sets slightly larger than the number of people in the household, so they can entertain friends.

We try to offer the things on the following list, but our stock is dependent on donations from the community, so we do not always have everything on hand at all times. *Objects currently in good supply are marked with an asterisk (*)*.

Bedroom:

Mattresses (Twin*, Full*, Queen) and bed frames

Sheet sets*, Mattress pads

Blankets and duvets

Pillows

Miscellaneous furniture: bedside tables and lamps, dressers or other storage units

Bathroom:

Towel sets*

Shower curtains, liners, hooks/rings

Miscellaneous: bath mats, small waste baskets

Living and Dining Area:

Sofas, upholstered chairs

Dining tables and chairs

Sets of dishes*, glasses*, and flatware

Miscellaneous: small tables, lamps, serving bowls and platters.

For children: plastic plates and dishes; mugs, small forks and spoons

Kitchen:

Pots, pans, and skillets*

Baking dishes and cookie sheets*

Mixing Bowls

Knives of various kinds*

Miscellaneous kitchen items*: spoons, ladles, spatulas, table covers*, place mats*, flippers, measuring cups and spoons, cutting boards, citrus juicers, serving trays; kitchen towels and hot pads; small garbage cans.

Appliances:

Washers and dryers

Refrigerators

Stoves (gas and electric)

Other Household Goods:

Microwaves (rarely available), ironing boards and irons (scarce) electric fans (scarce), laundry baskets, collapsible shopping carts (scarce),

Small tools: hammers, screw drivers, pliers, etcetera

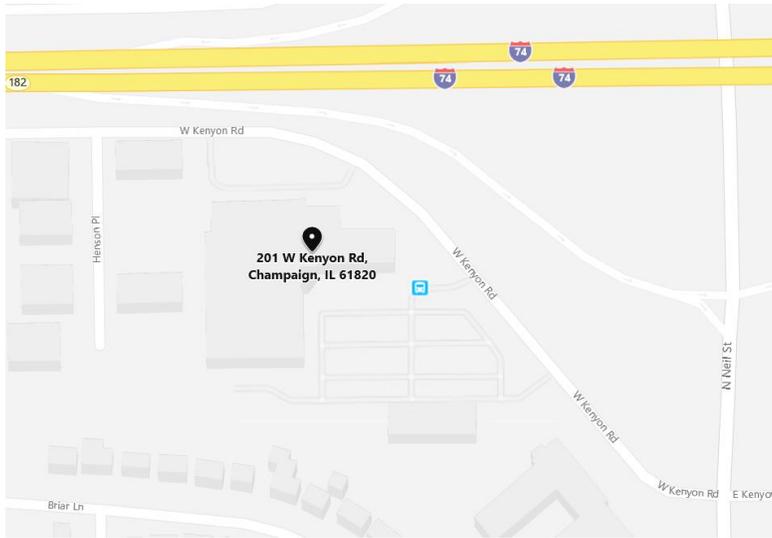
Cleaning Items:

Vacuum cleaners (scarce), mops, brooms, pails/buckets, dust cloths

Note that CU FAIR does not accept or give out clothing. There is a clothing bank at Champaign-Urbana Public Health District that takes donations that is opens 9:00 – 4:00 Tuesdays.

DONATING ITEMS TO CU FAIR

CU FAIR is always appreciative of donations of undamaged, gently used items in good working condition which fall into the categories listed above as well as baby and children's items. Donated textiles should be free of rip, tears, stains, and raveling seams. Donated appliances must be in good working order. Your donations are tax deductible. Please email relocation@cu-fair.org to coordinate drop off or pickup of items. If your donation requires multiple volunteers to lift or a truck, please allow us some time to coordinate volunteers. If you yourself would like to volunteer your time, muscle or mind please let us know at questions@cu-fair.org.



Our office and our donated items are located within the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District near the intersection of Neil Street and 74.

**201 W Kenyon Rd, Suite 4-A
Champaign, IL 61820**

To visit the office, enter near our sign just east of the main entrance and take the elevator down. The doors by the loading docks on the south side are used for transporting furniture.

CU FAIR

(217) 621-7841

questions@cu-fair.org

We support immigrants, refugees and asylees facing challenges to help them create safe, secure, productive and happy homes in Champaign County, Illinois.