

for mums and babies

Why we need toiletry donations

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*data from www.thehygienebank.com



There are **three ways you can donate toiletries** to Baby Bank Network Bristol.

Organise a toiletries drive



Here are a few tips:

1. **Check** that you can host a toiletries drive at your chosen venue (e.g. your workplace, school or community space) and where you can set it up safely.
2. **Check what toiletries we need** – see page 3 or visit [our website](https://www.babybanknetwork.com).
3. **Set-up your collection point** – try using a big box and decorating it!
4. **Print signs** and put them on/by your collection point so people know what it's for.
5. Include on your signs what to donate, where to leave donations and a date to donate by.
6. **Communicate** with everyone in the building / organisation so people know what to do and when. Try emails, social media, posters, and sharing at meetings, in newsletters and on your website/intranet.
7. **Remind people** to donate, and **share your successes** during and after the collection.
8. **Book a delivery slot** on our website to bring your donations to our warehouse.
9. **Thank everyone who donated** – we can send you a thank you letter and thank you on our social media. Please e-mail fundraising@babybanknetwork.com before you deliver.



Find out more about our our work at
www.babybanknetwork.com



We give out toiletry packs to most families, so it's very helpful if they are ready to go. **If you're able to make ready-made packs, we'd be really grateful.** If you would like to donate more than 50 packs, please get in touch so we can organise storage.



Example toiletry pack for mum

Please include the following in each pack:

Baby toiletry pack

- 1 x pack baby wipes
- Approx. 100 nappy sacks
- 1 x pot/tube of nappy cream
- 1 x bottle of baby wash/baby bubble bath
- 1 x bottle baby shampoo
- 1 x pack of cotton wool
- 1 x flannel or sponge
- 1 x baby toothbrush and toothpaste

Optional extras

- 1 x baby towel
- 1 x grooming set - brush/comb & nail scissors/clippers
- 1 x baby lotion/oil
- Nappies size 1 (no size 3 nappies please)

Mum toiletry pack

- Maternity pads – 2 packs
- Breast pads – 1 pack/box.
- 1 x toothbrush and 1 toothpaste
- 1 x bottle of shampoo
- 1 x bottle shower gel
- 1 x bar soap

Optional extras

- A few treats to make a new mum feel a bit more special e.g. hand cream, lip balm, bubble bath, body lotion, stretch mark cream
- 1 x bottle of conditioner

Please do not donate any of the following as we cannot give them to families:

- **Wrapped gifts/donations or cards** – we will have to unwrap items to check them and remove cards before giving them to families.
- Any **medication or medicated items** (e.g. pregnancy vitamins, gripe water or eczema shampoo).
- **Make-up, talcum powder and tampons.**

Buy and donate toiletries (or vouchers we can use at a later date) via our **For Common Good wishlist**. These will be delivered to us in bulk when we need them, without a delivery fee.



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Host a permanent toiletries donation point

We can provide donation baskets, posters and other materials, if you would like to host a permanent donation point throughout the year. We can collect donations from you when your donation point is full. Read our **Donation Points Pack** on [our website](#).



Charity of the year

Do you select a charity to support each year or for specific events? Does your place of work or organisation run an internal grant or trust that you could nominate us for? Would your employer or organisation match fund what you raise for us?



Fundraising

Organising or taking part in a fundraising event is a great way to get to know your colleagues, try new activities and develop your team building skills. Join our Great Bristol Run team in May or organise your own event such as a bake sale, summer fayre or Christmas party!



Pro-bono skills and services swap

Are you organising any training that might benefit our staff or volunteers? Could you offer your expertise in pro-bono or 1:1 support? Is there a specific project you could undertake for us, such as digital marketing or graphic design?



Raising awareness online

Share your support for Baby Bank Network Bristol on your website and email signatures and sign-post people to **our website**. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and re-share our posts. [Sign-up to our newsletter](#).

Thank you for your support.

For more information, advice or tips on supporting our work please get in touch on fundraising@babybanknetwork.com



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