

Disaster Purchases Tip Sheet

This tip sheet is designed to help you ask questions of requestors for specifics of the items being requested and any related items of what they are placing orders for. As you received requests for the following items, check with your requester if they need related items.

Requested Item	Item specifics	Related Items
Flashlights	Lantern, headlamp or hand held lamp.	Extra Batteries, bulbs
Tarps	Thickness, size, rolls, sheets	Hammers, nails, lathe, rope
First Aid Kits	5, 10, 20 person kit. Belt or box type.	Extra rubber gloves, masks, tape, gauze, hand sanitizer
Gloves	Work, leather or rubber, Sizes, Small, Med, Large	
Porta-potties	How often Serviced, disabled accessible	Hand wash stations, gray water bladder
Cots		Blankets, pillows, disposable sleeping bags, sleeping pads.
Generators	Wattage size, fuel type. Electric or battery Electric or pull start.	Fuel, extension cords, fuel can, portable lights.
Lanterns	Battery or gas	Batteries, fuel, mantles, matches, bulbs
Water	Bottled, truck, or filtration system. How much	
Tents	Full enclosure, canopy, sleeping, eating, cooking Size, sq. foot size, yurt type.	Tables, chairs, cots.
Rubber boots	Chemical resistant, water resistant, insulated. Sizes	Thick socks
Fencing	Chain, picket, wood. Length	
Meals / Food	Meals ready to eat, Number of people, how many days.	Eating utensils (MRE's come with a spork)
Ice	Block or cube. Bag size	
Refrigerated trucks	Capacity, power source, with operator	

Kitchen Unit	Number of meals per day, With kitchen Crew, Kitchen crew size.	
Shower unit	Number of people per day. Disabled access	Disposable towels, soap, gray water disposal.
Busses	Capacity, accessibility, fuel type, with operator.	
Portable heaters	Fuel type. Radiant, flame, smudge pot. Gas or electric	Extra fuel. Extension cords

Alternatives:

The alternatives are similar items that could be used in place of items being requested.

Decontamination tubs. Kiddy Pools, large shallow storage tubs (without wheels)
Plastic Tarps....plastic sheeting in rolls.

Additional Resources:

GSA E-Library - <http://www.gsaelibrary.gsa.gov/ElibMain/home.do>

The following guides have been developed by FEMA in an attempt to standardize components and descriptions of resources used in different types of emergencies. These guides are for "TYPED" resources which are ordered simply as a Type I Lift or a Type III Engine, etc. When a resource is typed, there is a complete understanding of capacity, capability and what is included in the package for that particular resource. As the Type number increases, capacity and capability increases as well.

At present time, the typing system may not be that useful to us for emergency procurement. However, the guides do serve a useful purpose of providing descriptions of resources and the suite of considerations needed to order the correct items for the situation. These can be easily converted into questions such as:

- With or without an operator
- With or without a power source
- What options are there in terms of capacity exist such as cubic yards, gallons, feet, weight capacity etc.

Currently, there are nine helpful guides:

Glossary of Terms and Definitions (FEMA 507):

http://www.fema.gov/txt/emergency/nims/507_Mutual_Aid_Glossary.txt (defines things that would not be common knowledge to folks outside the emergency management industry)

Animal Health Resources (FEMA 508-1):

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/508-1_animal_health_resources.pdf (more about the types of teams and the resources they need to accomplish their work)

Incident Management Resources (FEMA 508-2):

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/incident_mgmt.pdf

Emergency Medical Services Resources (FEMA 508-3):

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/508-3_emergency_medica_%20services_%20resources.pdf

Fire and Hazard Materials Resources (FEMA 508-4):

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/fire_haz_mat.pdf

Health and Medical Resources (FEMA 508-5):

(non-legible format)

Law Enforcement and Security (FEMA 508-6):

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/508-6_Law_Enfor_Secur_Resources.pdf

Public Works (FEMA 508-7):

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/508-7_public_works_resources.pdf

Search and Rescue (FEMA 508-8)

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/508-8_search_and_rescue_resources.pdf