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COOKING BOX Instructions

What is a Cooking Box? Along with the home furnishings that FFG clients select for their new home, each client selects a Cooking Box filled with essential items. This means that on the first night in their new home, Furnish for Good clients can prepare a meal in their new kitchen. After dinner they can put leftovers away in plastic containers, and wash and dry their dishes with a clean dish cloth. Our hope is that they will feel love and respect knowing that someone purposefully curated and coordinated these items for them.

What supplies do I need to assemble a Cooking Box? You literally need a cardboard box – it can be new or used. Here is [cardboard box](#) that works well. You also need old newspapers or packing paper, packing tape, a pen and a printout of the [Cooking Box Checklist](#).

What items do I put in a Cooking Box? We have high standards at FFG. Items should be gently used, no chips or stains - ask yourself, “would I cook in this skillet?”, “would I use this knife to prepare food?”, “would I bake cookies on this baking pan?”. If the answer is “no” or even “um...maybe” - then don’t use it. Include everything listed on the Cooking Box Checklist.

How do I put together a Cooking Box? Below is a step-by-step guide to assembling a Cooking Box..

1. *Collect* the items listed on the Cooking Box Checklist. You can host a donation drive, solicit gently used donations from friends, family, neighbors, coworkers or purchase new items. Click here for the [Amazon Cooking Box list](#).
2. *Gather* your Cooking Box items and your supplies in one place: a kitchen table or island works well. Be intentional about what items you put together. Make sure you’re happy with your items and that you would cook or prepare food with each item.
3. *Pack* everything in the cardboard box making sure that things won’t get broken during a move. Wrap breakables in newspaper or packing paper.
4. *Check off* each item from the Cooking Box Checklist as you put it in the Box – this way you will be sure you have included everything.
5. *Tape* the completed *checklist* to the actual cardboard box. Make sure to write your name/group’s name in the “assembled by” line.
6. *Tape* the box shut, loosely. Make sure it can be easily opened without scissors or destroying the box. You just need to use enough tape that the box won’t open while being moved.

What do I do with my assembled box(es)? Deliver your box(es) to our showroom (our address is on this page, above in right corner) Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00am and 12:00pm*. Your boxes will be added to our inventory and immediate available to our clients.

*If you need an alternate drop off day, email lesley@furnishforgood.org to find a mutually convenient day/time.