

What is a Product Drive?

A Product Collection Drive is another way to get individuals involved during your United Way Campaign and can provide fun, light-hearted competition between different areas of your organization. Collection drives can support United Way directly or help one of our funded partners collect much needed items.

What items do we collect?

There are a variety of collection drives that help United Way meet the needs of our programs and initiatives, including Tools for School, Coats for Kids & Families, Period Promise, and Hygiene Kits.

Tools for School (June – August)

Tools for School accepts **new and unused**:

- Backpacks
- 1" – 2" Binders
- Coiled notebooks
- Lined paper
- Duotangs
- Exercise books
- Pencil Box
- Pencils
- Blue pens
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Pencil crayons
- Washable markers
- Wax crayons
- Highlighters
- Dividers

Coats for Kids & Families (October – February)

Coats for Kids & Families accepts **clean, gently used, outgrown, and new**:

- Men's winter coats
- Women's winter coats
- Children's winter coats
- Toques, mitts, and scarves
- Snow pants (adult and children's sizes)
- Winter boots
- Insulated work wear (men's and women's)
- Insulated work boots



Period Promise (Year-Round)

Period Promise accepts **new and unopened**:

- Tampons (all sizes)
- Sanitary pads (all sizes)
- Daily liners (all sizes)
- Menstrual cups (all sizes)

*All products must be in their original box/packaging. Disposable products are preferred.

Hygiene Kits (Year-Round)

Hygiene Kits accepts **new and unused**:

- Band-Aids (box of ~30)
- Bars of soap (70 to 100g)
- Deodorant (50 to 70g)
- Lotion (150 to 250ml)
- Shampoo (200 to 400ml)
- Toothpaste (80 to 100ml)
- Toothbrushes
- Vaseline/Lip balm (6 to 8g)
- Boxes of tampons/pads
- Disposable razors
- Combs
- Brushes
- Ziplock bags
- Socks (thermal/spring cotton)
- Baby wipes
- Baby shampoo
- Children's toothpaste
- Children's toothbrushes
- Children's socks

How to host a Product Drive

1. Choose a United Way initiative to support.
2. [Register your product drive online.](#)
3. Receive your digital toolkit with website links, downloadable posters, high needs items, and instructions on what to do when your drive is complete.

If required, requests for physical posters or collection boxes can be directed to inkind@myunitedway.ca. If you have any questions or would like to discuss other options, please contact your United Way representative. To arrange a collection drive for another organization, please contact the organization directly.

