

THE BEST THINGS TO DONATE

after a natural disaster

In the midst of a huge natural disaster, many are compelled to do whatever they can to help. However, certain donations actually make relief operations run much less efficiently. Put those canned goods down and try to donate these instead.

YOUR TIME

If you haven't been affected by the disaster, donate your time to organizations such as the Red Cross, or even your local church and help the relief operation process.

CLEAN UNDERWEAR

It's easy to take the simplest things for granted. Underwear isn't the first thing that comes to mind when it comes to donations, and there's a great need for them.

SPACE

Spaces such as warehouse facilities or even parking lots are very useful in the midst of a disaster. They can be used for housing facilities, donation storage, and relief operations.

LAUNDRY SERVICES

Offer to wash clothes of disaster victims instead of donating clothes. Getting clean clothes to victims that actually fit them is important in a difficult time.

CLEANING SUPPLIES

With dirty water lines and sewers, and limited access to clean food, cleaning supplies are necessary, especially in a major natural disaster.

SUNSCREEN

The sun can get pretty bad after typhoons or heavy rains. Sunscreen can help not only volunteers who will be out for long periods of time, but especially people who have been displaced from their homes.

MONEY

Cash is the most useful thing you can donate after a natural disaster. This allows relief operations and foundations to allocate funds to where they're really needed. Instead of a \$1 can of tuna, \$1 can buy more significant amount of nutritious food when purchased in bulk.