

INVITATION FOR VETERANS / MILITARY FAMILIES RTSC DISASTER SAFE AT HOME BACKPACKS

Rebuilding Together Solano County (RTSC) is pleased to announce a special distribution of Disaster Safe At Home Backpacks dedicated for veterans, active military, and other military families in Solano County. In addition, RTSC will have a raffle for grocery gift cards, and raised garden boxes.

RTSC's Disaster Safe At Home Backpack includes: an Earthquake 4-1 Tool (gas turnoff, water turnoff, prybar and glass breaker), Emergency Radio / LED Flashlight / Cell Phone Charger (solar / hand-crank), a fire blanket, first aid kit, emergency blanket, glow stick, face shield, safety glasses, work gloves, emergency whistle, hand sanitizer, face masks, a set of trash bags, 10-year lithium smoke alarm, 10-year lithium CO alarm, and fall prevention / disaster emergency information. Each kit is valued at \$250.00.

RTSC is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to allowing low-income veteran, senior and disabled residents the ability to remain in their home – safely and with dignity. Our mission is to provide safe and healthy homes, revitalize communities and rebuild lives.

The Disaster Safe At Home Backpacks are made possible due to our generous sponsors, **SOLANO COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES, KAISER PERMANENTE, PHILLIPS 66, VALERO BENICIA REFINERY, WELLS FARGO** and **HOME DEPOT** as well as our additional donors including: Bank of America, BMO, Costco Vallejo, CSAA, First Bank, Food Bank of Contra Costa / Solano Counties, Mare Island Co, M & M Sanitation LLC, Medic Ambulance, Minuteman Press, Vallejo Community Presbyterian Church and other community supporters.

| Date | Time | Location |
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| 04.18.2025 (Friday) | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Vacaville Veterans Building 549 Merchant Street Vacaville, CA 95688 |

All veteran / military households receiving a Disaster Safe At Home Kit are required to provide the following:

- 1. Driver's License showing Solano County home or work address
- 2. Military ID / VA Card or DD-214 Discharge Documentation

NOTE: Each household (i.e. address) is allowed only 1 Safe At Home Kit each year.

Rebuilding Together has provided services in Solano County since June 2009. With more than 12,000 volunteers, RTSC has provided necessary home repairs for 44 low-income veteran / senior / disabled homeowners. Also, RTSC has held more than 52 community facility workdays in Benicia, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun City, Vacaville and Vallejo. In addition, Rebuilding Together has installed and/or donated more than 7,000 smoke and 4,715 carbon monoxide alarms in low-income mobile home parks. Also, RTSC has distributed more than 3,300 Safe at Home Kits. Finally, RTSC has provided a food pantry for low-income veteran / senior / disabled families in Solano County since 2018 with more than 500,000 lbs. of food in the past year as part of Feeding America via the Food Bank of Contra Costa / Solano Counties. In total, Rebuilding Together has invested more than \$11,000,000 into revitalizing low-income homes, community facilities and neighborhoods in Solano County.

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