



**TAKE A TOUR OF AHSGR'S**

**DISASTER CART**

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# AGENDA

- Why have a Disaster Cart
- Disaster Plans and Training
- Cost and Funding
- Types of items in Cart
- Packing the Disaster Cart

# WHY HAVE A DISASTER CART

- Most emergencies Museums/Archives face are minor
  - Usually less than 150 cubic feet
  - Like roof leaks, broken water lines, burst pipes, or backed-up floor drains.
- Have the supplies on-hand to quickly respond
  - During larger disasters, finding and purchasing supplies can be challenging
- Save valuable response time by having supplies on hand for cleaning, drying, and packing



# DISASTER PLANS & TRAINING

- <https://www.nebraskamuseums.org/emergency-preparedness/>
  - Emergency Plan Template
  - CoSA Pocket Response Plan
  - Links to Disaster Resources
- Online Training
  - Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative YouTube Channel
    - <https://www.youtube.com/@SmithsonianCRI/featured>
  - Northeast Document Conservation Center
    - <https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/disaster-assistance/>
    - Online Disaster Planning Tools
  - Connecting to Collections Care
    - <https://connectingtocollections.org/>
- Hands-On Training
  - NMA Held Training in 2015
  - Follow NMA Facebook



# COSTS & FUNDING

- Cost can range from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars
  - Create a budget
  - Select Items that you will most likely use
  - Assess your most likely disaster and what you would need to respond to it
- 2023 Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Statewide Grant
  - Requested \$2,255
  - Received \$1,250





# TYPES OF ITEMS IN CART

## GENERAL

Markers, Flashlights,  
Scissors, Hand-Crank Radio

## SURFACE CLEANING

Brushes, Buckets,  
Aluminum Pans, Sponges

## FREEZING

Freezer Paper, Exterior  
Blue Tape, Freezer Wrap

## DRYING

Window Screen, Rope,  
Towels, Clothes Pins

## HANDLING & PACKING

Blank Newspaper,  
Collapsible Crates, Bags

## SAFETY

Masks, Safety Glasses,  
Caution Tape, Gloves

## AHSGR Disaster Cart List Budget

Item	Type of Supply	Link	# of items	Item Cost	Total	Notes
Fan	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Vacmaster-AM2">https://www.amazon.com/Vacmaster-AM2</a>	2	\$59.99	\$119.98	Floor and Carpet Dryer
PIG Water Absorbing Snake	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Mildew-Resista">https://www.amazon.com/Mildew-Resista</a>	1 (pkg of 12)	\$49.98	\$49.98	3" x 48", 1 gallon absorbency
Blotting paper	Drying	<a href="https://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Bo">https://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Bo</a>	1 (pkg 10)	\$38.59	\$38.59	20"x30"
Binder Clips (Large)	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Extra-Large-Bind">https://www.amazon.com/Extra-Large-Bind</a>	1 (pkg of 48)	\$12.99	\$12.99	Large and extra large
Nylon Monofilament (500' fishing line)	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/SF-Monofilame">https://www.amazon.com/SF-Monofilame</a>	1	\$19.99	\$19.99	100lbs/295 yds
Towels (white)	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Zachary-Collect">https://www.amazon.com/Zachary-Collect</a>	1 (pkg of 12)	\$19.99	\$19.99	Bar mop ultra absorbent
Window Screen (roll)	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Windows-Repla">https://www.amazon.com/Windows-Repla</a>	1	\$11.99	\$11.99	59"x106" roll
Cheesecloth	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Cheesecloth-Re">https://www.amazon.com/Cheesecloth-Re</a>	1	\$12.95	\$11.00	36 sq feet grade 100, 4 yds
Heavy Duty Clothes Pins, Stainless Steel	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Clothes-Multipu">https://www.amazon.com/Clothes-Multipu</a>	1	\$9.99	\$9.99	30 pack, rubber coated
Rope	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Household-Esse">https://www.amazon.com/Household-Esse</a>	1	\$17.99	\$17.99	100 ft, cotton
Sponges (Large)	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Temedo-Cleanin">https://www.amazon.com/Temedo-Cleanin</a>	1 (pkg of 5)	\$8.99	\$8.99	9.1x4.3x2.4
Clothes Pins, wooden	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Honey-Can-Do-">https://www.amazon.com/Honey-Can-Do-</a>	1	\$8.37	\$8.37	100 pack
Sponges (3 sizes)	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0899N4GY">https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0899N4GY</a>	1 (pkg of 6)	\$5.94	\$5.94	4.4x2.7x08
Paint Roller (Small)	Drying	<a href="https://www.homedepot.com/p/Wooster-">https://www.homedepot.com/p/Wooster-</a>	1	\$6.27	\$6.27	5"
Pipe Insulation (Large)	Drying	<a href="https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1">https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1</a>	2	\$2.98	\$5.96	1 in x 6 ft
Paper Towels	Drying	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Sparkle%C2%AE">https://www.amazon.com/Sparkle%C2%AE</a>	1 (pkg 3)	\$5.97	\$5.97	
Pipe Insulation (Small)	Drying	<a href="https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1">https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-1</a>	2	\$1.78	\$3.56	1/2 in x 6 ft
Freezer Paper	Freezing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Weston-Dispen">https://www.amazon.com/Weston-Dispen</a>	1	\$34.60	\$34.60	17.25"x20"
Exterior Blue Tape	Freezing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Scotch-Exterior">https://www.amazon.com/Scotch-Exterior</a>	2	\$13.75	\$27.50	1.41" exterior, weather proof
Freezer Wrap	Freezing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Glad-Freezer-W">https://www.amazon.com/Glad-Freezer-W</a>	2	\$4.67	\$9.34	150 sq ft
Electrical Cord	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Link2Home-Cor">https://www.amazon.com/Link2Home-Cor</a>	1	\$78.99	\$78.99	80ft with 4 outlets on reel
Object tags, Archival	General	<a href="https://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Co">https://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Co</a>	1 (pkg of 100)	\$34.45	\$34.45	1.5"x3" (AT13)
Power Strip	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Pack-Power-Str">https://www.amazon.com/Pack-Power-Str</a>	1 (pkg of 2)	\$29.99	\$29.99	12 ft, 6 outlets & 2 USB
Flashlight	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/tactical-led-flas">https://www.amazon.com/tactical-led-flas</a>	1 (pkg of 2)	\$12.19	\$12.19	2 Compact tactical, LED
First Aid Kit	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/M2-BASICS-Erne">https://www.amazon.com/M2-BASICS-Erne</a>	1	\$32.88	\$32.88	
Duct Tape	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0977QS23F">https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0977QS23F</a>	1 pkg of 3	\$30.49	\$30.49	3M multi-Use Duct Tape
Notebook	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Mintra-Office-N">https://www.amazon.com/Mintra-Office-N</a>	1 (pkg of 3)	\$19.99	\$19.99	top spiral with strong back
Object tags, non-Archival	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Attached-Merch">https://www.amazon.com/Attached-Merch</a>	1 (pkg of 1000)	\$18.77	\$18.77	1 3/8" x 2 1/8" with string
Blue Painter Tape	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/ScotchBlue-Pair">https://www.amazon.com/ScotchBlue-Pair</a>	1 (pkg of 4)	\$17.99	\$17.99	1" wide
Hand crank radio	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Upgraded-Esky-">https://www.amazon.com/Upgraded-Esky-</a>	1	\$16.99	\$16.99	with LED flashlight
Sharpies Pro	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Industrial-Perm">https://www.amazon.com/Industrial-Perm</a>	1 (2pkg of 3)	\$11.59	\$11.59	Quick-drying, fade, and water resistant
Post-its (small and large)	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/3M-Miami-Post">https://www.amazon.com/3M-Miami-Post</a>	1 (pkg of 15)	\$12.48	\$12.48	Variety pack of sizes
Waterproof notebook	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/GLORYFIRE-Wat">https://www.amazon.com/GLORYFIRE-Wat</a>	1 (pkg of 5)	\$12.99	\$12.99	
Clipboard	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Amazonbasics-F">https://www.amazon.com/Amazonbasics-F</a>	1 (pkg of 2)	\$7.22	\$7.22	
Pigma Pens	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Sakura-Pigma-3">https://www.amazon.com/Sakura-Pigma-3</a>	1 (pkg of 6)	\$11.99	\$11.99	Pigma pens, waterproof
Scissors	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Amazon-Basics-">https://www.amazon.com/Amazon-Basics-</a>	1 (pkg of 3)	\$7.17	\$7.17	
Pencils	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/BIC-Xtra-Life-M">https://www.amazon.com/BIC-Xtra-Life-M</a>	1 (pkg of 40)	\$6.62	\$6.62	Mechanical, medium point (.7mm)
Sharpies	General	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Sharpie-30001-F">https://www.amazon.com/Sharpie-30001-F</a>	1 (pkg of 12)	\$7.26	\$7.26	fine point, black
Dewalt Tough Chest 63 Gal. Rolling Tool Box	General	<a href="https://www.homedepot.com/p/DEWALT-">https://www.homedepot.com/p/DEWALT-</a>	1	\$129.00	\$129.00	
Blank newspaper	Handling and Packing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Newsprint-Pack">https://www.amazon.com/Newsprint-Pack</a>	1	\$41.93	\$41.93	24x36, 25lbs, approx. 400 sheets
Collapsible Milk Crate	Handling and Packing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Elite-Plastic-Co">https://www.amazon.com/Elite-Plastic-Co</a>	1 (pkg of 4)	\$37.99	\$37.99	16l collapsible storage crates, pkg of 4
Heavy Duty Garbage Bags	Handling and Packing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Veska-64-65-Ga">https://www.amazon.com/Veska-64-65-Ga</a>	1 (pkg of 120)	\$56.97	\$56.97	120 count, 64 gallon clear heavy duty
Ziploc Bags (Gallon)	Handling and Packing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Ziploc-Storage-B">https://www.amazon.com/Ziploc-Storage-B</a>	1 (pkg of 75)	\$9.49	\$9.49	grip and seal
Nylon cable ties	Handling and Packing	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Zip-Ties-Cable-A">https://www.amazon.com/Zip-Ties-Cable-A</a>	1 (pkg of 600)	\$7.95	\$7.95	4, 6, 8, 10, 12 inches
Saving Stuff (Jagger and Williams), 2015	Resources	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/Saving-Stuff-Col">https://www.amazon.com/Saving-Stuff-Col</a>	1	\$13.13	\$13.13	paperback via Amazon
Salvage Wheel	Resources	<a href="https://store.culturalheritage.org/site/inde">https://store.culturalheritage.org/site/inde</a>	1	\$10.00	\$10.00	
NPS Conserve O Gram 21/2	Resources	<a href="https://www.nps.gov/museum/publication">https://www.nps.gov/museum/publication</a>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
HENTF Fact Sheet	Resources	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/assistance/save-fan">https://www.fema.gov/assistance/save-fan</a>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Pocket Response Plan	Resources	<a href="https://www.statearchivists.org/research-r">https://www.statearchivists.org/research-r</a>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
N95 Mask	Safety	<a href="https://www.amazon.com/3M-Aura-Partic">https://www.amazon.com/3M-Aura-Partic</a>	1 (pkg of 20)	\$15.99	\$15.99	



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