



NEIGHBORHOOD CAN DRIVES

1. In order to plan a Can Drive, you must have 1) a driver; 2) a vehicle – preferably a truck – to load the cans into. If you are planning a large route, IVHFH has small trailers you can check out to pull behind your vehicle; 3) a fun attitude!
2. Pick a day for your group's Can Drive. Schedule the Can Drive between Monday-Saturday. **If your Can Drive is Monday – Friday**, sorted bags should be turned in by 5:00 p.m.* **If your Can Drive is on a Saturday**, sorted bags should be turned in by 4:00 p.m.*
3. Contact Kasie and give her the date for your Can Drive so she can make the fliers. Once they are created, she will give you the necessary information for the Can Drive including maps of the neighborhood(s), fliers, magnets and bags for the Can Drive.

*If you are unable to have the Can Drive completed by this time, please make other arrangements.

One week before Neighborhood Can Drive

1. Go door-to-door in assigned neighborhood(s) and disseminate fliers to all homes. It is best to knock on the doors and give fliers to those who are home, telling them about Habitat for Humanity and describing that you will be doing a Can Drive the following week.

If someone is home, give them a flier and a magnet and say:

"I'm doing a Pop Can Drive for Habitat for Humanity and we'll be coming around the neighborhood next week on (day) to pick up any redeemable pop cans and plastic bottles. The money raised from this Neighborhood Can Drive will help Habitat for Humanity build homes for low-income families in the community. If you'd like to help out, please save your cans and bottles and place them outside your front door next (day) and we'll come around and get them. Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity!"

If no one is available, leave flier in front door.

2. Use a staple gun to post fliers on any common information areas, such as telephone poles or light posts. Also, if there are convenience stores, gas stations, grocery stores or other areas within the neighborhood area your group is covering, post fliers there as well.

Day of Neighborhood Can Drive

1. Go over instructions for Can Drive with entire group. Make sure all members are aware of the Can Shed's rules for receiving bagged cans/bottles. If there is even one non-redeemable can or bottle in the sorted bag or if you mix different sizes/types of redeemable items, the Can Shed will throw the entire bag out and **we will not receive a payment.**

2. Drive to your assigned neighborhood(s). Try to find a parking spot that has enough room where you can sort the cans and bottles there before bringing them to Habitat, however you can always sort them in our parking lot if you are unable to do this in the neighborhood.
3. Go throughout the neighborhood to each home and pick up the cans/bottles that are in front of the doors.
4. Go back to your central location and sort the cans and plastic bottles. Again, it is very important that each plastic bottle/can you sort has the IA 5¢ sign (e.g., the can or bottle **must say IA 5¢**, not just ME 5¢ like the Country Time Lemonade cans do). Sort the cans with the cans and bottles with the bottles. The Can Shed does not accept any glass bottles, however you may put any glass bottles you've received in the separate bin provided. There will be a place for them at our location next to our Habitat can shed.
5. Sort the following to make a complete bag.

CANS:

Add **240** cans into a bag to make a complete bag.

BOTTLES:

Add **144** 20 ounce plastic bottles into a bag to make a complete bag.

Add **80** 1 liter plastic bottles into a bag to make a complete bag.

Add **40** 2 liter plastic bottles to make a complete bag.

6. Once you have a complete bag, use the bag ties or tie the top of the bag into a knot. When you are finished, gather all complete bags into your vehicle and take them the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity location. Any remaining cans or bottles that don't make a complete bag can be dumped into the Habitat can shed right outside our office.
7. Habitat for Humanity is open Monday through Saturday. The complete bags can be dropped off to the Habitat location, 2401 Scott Blvd. SE in southeast Iowa City.
If it is Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., take all sorted bags to the Habitat office.
If it is Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., take all sorted bags to the Habitat ReStore.

For any questions, please contact:

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