

# WATER DROP TOOLKIT

Want to plan your own water drop locally? Here are some general tips from Water Drop LA:



Know your neighborhood. Drive or walk around to get a better sense of how many folks are unsheltered. Stop and talk. Are they struggling to get water in the first place?

Watch your step! Respect people's personal space. Remember that you're a visitor in their homes and communities.



Don't take photos of a person or their home without their explicit permission. Something you SHOULD document, though, are things like broken water fountains and sanitation stations.

Use gallons instead of 16oz bottles, if possible. This will last much longer, and allows for water use outside of drinking (e.g. handwashing, cleaning, cooking).



Hold up bottles and clearly ask if anyone needs water as you walk by their homes. If someone is sleeping or if no one responds, leave a gallon where they can see it!



Wear masks at all times to protect yourself and those you interact with. Practice social distancing when possible; if someone is too close for comfort, you can ask them to give you space.





## Tips for purchasing water:

- If you're just starting out, head to your local grocery store. You can usually buy gallon jugs off the shelf (they should cost between .70-\$1.00).
- If it's available, we recommend buying Crystal Geyser water, since it's the most sustainably sourced.
- If you're distributing more than 500 gallons, consider renting a U-Haul to reduce the number of times you have to drive back and forth to the store.
- Need help purchasing water? Email us at [waterdropla@gmail.com](mailto:waterdropla@gmail.com) and we can discuss how we can support you!



## Tips for fundraising:

- Social media is your best tool. Reach out to your circles, and have your circles reach out to their circles!
- Do your research. What has your city done to address water inaccessibility in unhoused communities? Put this on blast.
- Most importantly: your community is your biggest resource. Even if people can't contribute financially, they can contribute their time, skills and knowledge. Draw on this!

## Tips for organizing:

- Map your route ahead of time. Make sure you/your volunteers have a clear idea of where to go; printing a map and circling locations can help clarify this!
- Assign a main point of contact for volunteers to reach out to if there's any confusion, conflict or questions.



- Use the buddy system. This allows one person to stay in the car if you can't park legally. They can also help navigate and communicate with the rest of the team. This is also important for safety in unfamiliar areas!
- Use this sign up sheet to keep track of volunteers and of how many cars are available.

If you have any questions or need more resources...



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