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The Home Depot  
Attn: Philip M. Stuhr  
5631 Lone Tree Way  
Brentwood, CA 94513

Dear Mr. Stuhr,

I am writing to request a product donation for California Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

California Coastal Cleanup Day, the state's largest annual volunteer shoreline cleanup event, helps to encourage Californians to act on behalf of their **local beaches, shorelines, and inland waterways** while raising awareness about the connection between pollution along our coastal and inland shorelines and the overall health of our ocean. It is a one-day effort that promotes year-round action by Californians in all of their local communities. We strive to engage every population in our state in this vital effort. The California shoreline is one of the most magnificent in the world, yet each year thousands of tons of garbage settle on its beaches. Trash in the ocean is a growing problem, and most of the marine debris that dirties our beaches and fouls our ocean **originates from land-based sources**. Garbage that is not collected may end up in the oceans where it can endanger wildlife and human health. Coastal Cleanup Day addresses the need for individuals to take responsibility for the garbage that we produce each year, while providing an educational opportunity for all Californians. Last year over 68,000 volunteers participated in the event state-wide and removed nearly 1.2 million pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes, and waterways!

This year, we are seeking to expand on the success of the Cleanup by encouraging less wasteful practices at the Cleanup and engaging new audiences. In 2010, the state-wide **Bring Your Own (BYO) campaign** was initiated, and volunteers were encouraged to bring a bucket and reusable glove from home to help reduce the amount of waste generated by the event. Although successful in its initial year, we realized that many communities-in-need do not have access to the buckets and gloves needed for this event. It is for this reason that we are seeking donations of these items to provide reusable cleanup supplies to communities that otherwise could not afford them.

Below you will find a list of items in need. Your contribution in whole or in part of the requested items is much appreciated.



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- 40 units - 2.5 gallon buckets - Model #RG580 - Store SKU # 494054 - \$2.18 each
- 25 units - Garden Gloves - West Chester Latex Coated String Knit Large Multi Purpose Gloves 3 Pack - Model # HD30503/L3PEPPS24; Internet # 202192541 - \$9.74 each

In return for your generosity, we would be happy to publicize your in-kind sponsorship on our "Coastal Cleanup Day Sponsors" webpage, which can be found at:  
[www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/sponsors.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/sponsors.html).

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Kind Regards,

Eben Schwartz  
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