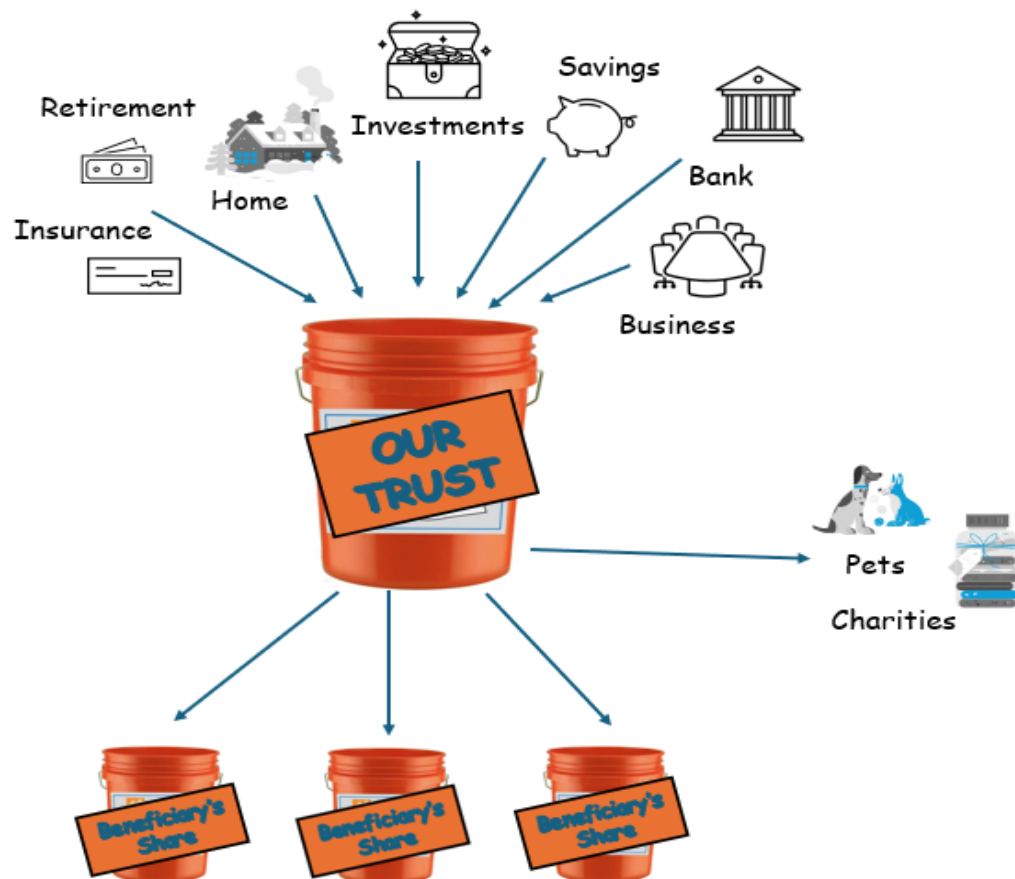




Why a Trust Matters

A trust is a plan designed so that your family knows exactly what to do **if you become incapacitated** or **after you pass away**.

A trust ensures everything is handled smoothly, just the way you want and without court involvement.

Gathering Your Assets

Think of your assets: money, property, jewelry, or anything valuable—as being collected in a single "bucket." This bucket represents everything you want to protect and pass on.

What the "Bucket" Really Is

The bucket is not a physical object—it's a set of documents that clearly explain what should happen to your assets. These documents are ready for when they're needed.

Selecting a Trustee

You appoint a trustee—someone you trust, such as a family member, friend, lawyer, or bank to **follow the detailed directions you've written** in your trust.

How and When Assets Are Managed or Distributed

- **If you become incapacitated:** Your trustee steps in to manage the assets in your bucket on your behalf, making sure bills are paid and investments are cared for.
- **After you pass away:** The trustee "opens the bucket" by reviewing your instructions and distributing your assets exactly as you planned.

The Trustee's Crucial Role

- **Safeguards your assets** while you cannot manage them.
- **Follows your instructions** carefully and without guesswork.
- **Ensures a smooth process** for your family, avoiding unnecessary court involvement or delays.

Your wishes are spelled out in advance so your family won't need to piece things together or face added stress.

💡 **In short:** A trust is a roadmap for your family and trustee to follow if you're unable to manage things yourself or after you're gone. It protects your assets, avoids confusion, and ensures your loved ones receive what you intended—safely, smoothly, and with peace of mind.