

# Thank you for donating these items to The I.D.E.A. Store!



The I.D.E.A. Store will accept the following items, as long as they are properly washed and clean, safe, and non-toxic. Do you have things not on the list? Give us a call at 217-352-7878 and check before you come! We love new types of things!

ARE YOU a BUSINESS? We need your scrap/discards – especially if you have lots of one thing. Please give us a call and we will work to bring you to that ZERO waste goal! 217-352-7878

If you have a large quantity of items – MORE than a few boxes or bags, please call ahead at 217-352-7878 and check to see if we can take them!

## Metals

Archery arrows  
Bottle caps, washed please  
Buckles  
Chain of all sizes  
Charms  
Cookie cutters  
Drink and food can tabs  
Dental tools  
Electronic and computer parts, mother boards, wiring  
Fasteners, such as tacks of all kinds, paper clips, staples, push pins, binder clips  
Film reels, film canisters  
Hardware odds and ends  
Jewelry and jewelry parts  
Keys and locks  
Key chains of all kinds  
Lamp parts  
Musical instrument parts  
Music boxes, whole or broken  
Padlocks, with or without keys  
Pin-back buttons, used or imperfect are fine  
Pipe scrap, broom handles, thin posts and rods  
Random poles, light piping, flexible vent tubing  
Rings, gears  
Sheet metal scrap  
Silverware and flatware, miscellaneous pieces are fine  
Small metal boxes used for Altoids, Band-Aids, cds  
Small motors  
Springs  
Tins: candy and cookie, please no food left in!  
Hand tools, hand and craft of any vintage  
Trays  
Watches, watch and clock parts  
Wind chime parts  
Wire mesh  
Wire: telephone, computer, craft, floral, all gauges (no electrical cords or chargers)

## Plastics

Acrylic sheets, new or in good condition  
Bubble wrap: clean, unpopped, clean edges  
CDs  
Contact paper  
Cookie cutters  
Electrical buttons, keys, dials, switches  
Film canisters  
Flowers  
Foam rubber, sheets of  
foam craft shapes  
Game pieces  
Legos, a single piece or lots!  
Mardi Gras beads

Mesh vegetable/fruit bags  
Mouse pads  
Mylar  
Plexiglass sheets  
PVC pipe – small pieces  
Sleeves for notebooks and photo albums  
Spools, empty thread  
Storage bins  
Straws  
Styrofoam egg cartons  
Styrofoam flat packing sheets  
Tab closures from food and bread bags  
Tennis ball canisters  
Toys, no larger than 2x2"  
Tubes for posters and mailing  
Tubing and hoses  
Vinyl records  
Vinyl scrap

## Wood

Alphabet blocks, new and vintage  
Bamboo rods and pieces  
Basket caning and reed  
Boxes and crates  
Chopsticks, skewers  
Cigar boxes  
Clothespins  
Corkboard  
Dice  
Dowel rods  
Finials  
Molding scrap  
Needlework hoops  
Pegs  
Picture frames  
Picture frame pieces  
Popsicle sticks, tongue depressors  
Rings  
Samples and scraps, nail-free,  
Spindles  
Spools, thread  
Spools, from wire, cord, etc.  
Stamps  
Stretcher bars  
Toy parts  
Trim scrap  
Veneer

## Paper

Bingo cards  
Blueprints  
Books: Art and craft, science, nature, ecology and children's hardcover  
Small Boxes: Jewelry and gift  
Carbon paper  
Chip board  
Cigar boxes  
Craft papers: construction, cover stock,

origami, scrapbooking  
Computer and copy paper (white or colors)  
Coffee filters, unused  
Coffee wraps  
Crepe paper  
Display boards, used is fine if there is still a good side  
Drawing pads  
Envelopes, new, logos are okay  
Foam core board, new or used  
Game boards  
Game pieces and score cards  
Gift bags, reusable  
Gift wrap, new  
Graph paper  
Greeting cards, new and used  
Grocery bags, brown paper  
Handmade paper  
Index cards  
Jigsaw puzzle pieces  
Journals  
Letterhead paper  
Magazines: **ONLY** nature, arts, crafts, vintage  
Mailing tubes  
Maps  
Mat board  
Newsprint end rolls, unprinted  
Notepads  
Paint sample chips  
Pattern paper (oak tag)  
Photos, color or black and white, family-friendly please!  
Playing cards, new and used, missing cards are fine  
Postcards and letters, new or used  
Poster tubes  
Poster board, used is fine if there is a clean side  
Posters, educational  
Post-It Notes  
Raffia  
Scrapbooking supplies  
Sheet music  
Sheet paper, lined and unlined  
Shoe boxes  
Shopping bags with handles  
Sleeves from hot drinks  
Stamps, cancelled postage  
Stationery and note cards  
Stencils for craft, school and walls  
Stickers, partial and new packs  
Tablets  
tickets and programs, handwritten notes  
Tissue paper, new or used  
Wallpaper sample books  
Wallpaper rolls if clean  
Watercolor paper

## Fine Art and Craft Supplies

Brayers  
Baby food jars  
Baskets  
Beads, fine and craft  
Books: craft how-to, coffee table books  
Bows, gift  
Brads and fasteners  
Brushes, utility and artist  
Calligraphy pens and tips  
Candles, candle wax, wicks  
Canvases, canvas pieces and stretchers  
Clip art, ephemera  
Colored pencils  
Crayons, graphite, pastels  
Dryer sheets, used, unscented only  
Feathers  
Floral supplies  
Flowers: dried or artificial  
Foam craft shapes and sheets  
Glue, all types new or partial but still good  
Glue guns  
Glue gun sticks  
Kits of all kinds: needlepoint, paint-by-number, Oriental Trader.  
Letters and numbers, transfer film  
Macrame twine  
Markers, still wet please  
Crayons, chalks, pastels, charcoals  
Paints: watercolors, good tempera, acrylic and oils, new or used - NO SPRAY Paint  
Pipe cleaners, chenille sticks  
Polymer clays, fresh  
Ribbon, spools or lengths  
Rollers  
Rubber stamps, stamp pads, inks  
Seashells of all types  
Shoe laces  
Squeegees, new  
Stencils  
String and rope  
Teabags, unused  
Templates  
Tools and equipment for arts and engineering  
Tools for any crafts  
Unfinished, incomplete projects

## Textiles and Fiber

Fabrics and fabric remnants: all types  
Fabric-related notions: all types  
Batting: all types  
Bias tape and trims  
Burlap bags  
Buttons – all sizes, shapes and colors  
Carpet square samples  
Designer samples  
Elastic  
Embellishments: beads, sequins, appliqué, rhinestones  
Embroidery thread  
Fasteners: all types  
Floss  
Lace  
looms  
Mill ends  
Neckties  
Needlepoint canvas  
Patterns  
Pins and needles  
Piping and cording  
Polyfill, new and partial bags  
Quilt squares and blocks of all sizes  
Sample books of fabric  
Spools of thread, new and partial

Tape measures  
Tools: Scissors, thimbles, rulers, stencils, cutting boards.  
Trims  
Velcro  
Webbing  
Yarn: all types  
Zippers, new and used

## Office and School Supplies

Binders: ½" – 2"  
Bookends  
Calculators, hand-held  
Chalk and small chalk boards, erasers  
Clip boards  
Cork boards  
Desk accessories  
Dividers  
Drafting tools and templates  
Envelopes: new, logos are okay  
Erasers  
Files, hanging and expandable  
File folders, letter and legal sizes  
Folders, two-pocket  
Glue sticks and bottles, gently used  
Ledgers  
Paper pads - legal and letter  
Labels  
Letter openers  
Magazine file boxes  
Manila folders  
Markers and highlighters, all kinds  
Notebooks  
Notepads  
Order pads, multi-copy pads  
Paper clips of all kinds  
Paper punches – all kinds: office, craft  
Pencil boxes  
Pencil sharpeners  
Pencils  
Pens  
Pocket folders  
Protectors for documents  
Protractors  
Receipt pads  
Rubber bands  
Rulers  
Scissors  
Staple removers  
Staplers and staples  
Tags  
Tape, all kinds  
Tape dispensers  
Transparencies, unused  
Thumbtacks and push pins  
White boards and markers, erasers  
Yardsticks

## Miscellaneous Items

Baby food jars, with lids, clean  
Billiard balls  
Cameras  
Corks, stoppers, plugs  
Ceramic tiles, leftover and adhesive-free  
Easels  
Games and kits, complete or just pieces  
Fabric shopping bags  
Glass pebbles or globs  
Small glass bottles w/wo caps  
Lab glass: test tubes and slides  
Magnets  
Mannequins  
Marbles  
Musical instruments, broken

Natural materials  
Pegboard, masonite  
Rock specimen collections  
Rope, twine, string  
Sandpaper  
Small mirrors: all types  
Small balls, rubber, pingpong  
Sponges, new  
Tennis balls  
Trophies - clean please  
Stained glass scrap  
Typewriters, manual, or parts  
Vintage ephemera  
Vintage fabric  
Vintage household items

## What we can't accept:

- NO luggage, garment bags or travel cases
- NO AC adapters or chargers
- NO batteries
- NO furniture or mattresses
- NO finished fabric items such as bedding and sheets, pillows, drapes, blinds, curtains, clothing, shoes, purses
- NO plush or fabric toys
- NO plastic toys larger than 2"x2"
- NO Christmas items except ornaments and natural wreaths
- NO food or anything that held food
- NO personal care or hygiene items
- NO medication bottles with labels
- NO encyclopedia sets or textbooks
- NO complete computers or monitors
- NO complete appliances of any kind.
- NO large, used sports equipment
- NO large tiles
- NO house paint or spray paint
- NO grocery plastic bags
- NO Styrofoam peanuts and molded Styrofoam packaging
- NO junk mail or magazines other than what is listed above
- NO household garbage or yard waste

While The I.D.E.A. Store accepts many items, there are some that we just can't take for various reasons. We reserve the right to carefully select what we can stock and shelve.

The I.D.E.A. Store cannot accept anything that has been exposed to:  
mold, mildew, mice, insects or other pests, hazardous chemicals or poisons, possible allergens such as peanuts or peanut products.

The I.D.E.A. Store may decline items because they:  
are highly flammable, have been "recalled" by their manufacturers, are too large, are too numerous (too many of something), have odors, have low re-use appeal.

## **Where can you take some of the stuff we don't accept?**

### Other nonprofits

Goodwill	Salvation Army
ReStore	Transitions

### For profits

Green Purpose, LLC	Illini Recycling, Inc.
Marco Steel, Inc.	Mack's Recycling, Inc.