

Please Donate These Household Items to The I.D.E.A. Store!

The I.D.E.A. Store will accept the following **home or domestic** items, as long as they are properly washed and clean, safe, and non-toxic. **If you have something you don't see on this list we may very well want it...but just haven't thought of it. Let us know and we will respond!**

Items in *italics* are especially welcome, and are almost always in stock.

Metals

Bottle caps
Chain of all sizes
Drink and food can tabs
Fasteners, such as upholstery tacks, paper clips, staples
Hand tools of any vintage Small
Hardware odds and ends
Jar lids, no sharp edges
Jewelry parts
Keys
Key chains
Pin-back buttons, new, used or imperfect
Sheet metal scrap
Small metal boxes from Altoids, Band-Aids, spices
Tins: candy, and cookie
Wire mesh
Wire: telephone, computer, craft, floral, all gauges
Archery arrows
Buckles
Charms
Cookie cutters
Dental tools
Film reels
Lamp parts
Musical instrument parts
Padlocks, with or without keys
Pipe scrap
Rings, gears
Silverware and flatware, miscellaneous pieces are fine
Small battery-powered motors
Springs
Trays
Watches and clock parts
Wind chime parts

Plastics

Bubble wrap: clean, unpopped, clean edges
CDs and cases
Checkbook covers
Flowers
Game pieces
Mesh vegetable/fruit bags
Mylar: used balloons, foil
Spools, empty thread
Straws
Styrofoam craft shapes
Styrofoam egg cartons
Tubing and hoses
Acrylic sheets in good condition
Contact paper
Cookie cutters
Electrical buttons, keys, dials, switches
Film canisters
Foam rubber, sheets of
Legos
Mardi Gras beads
Mouse pads
PVC pipe, clean scrap

Sleeves for notebooks and photo albums
Storage bins
Styrofoam flat packing sheets
Tab closures from food bags
Tennis ball canisters
Toys, no larger than 2"x2"
Tubes for posters and mailing
Vinyl records
Vinyl signage

Wood - new and vintage

Boxes, including cigar
Dowel rods
Needlework hoops
Picture frames – whole or pieces
Popsicle sticks, tongue depressors
Alphabet blocks, Samples and scraps, nail-free, 6" square or smaller
Bamboo rods and pieces
Basket caning and reed
Chopsticks, skewers
Clothespins
Corkboard
Dice
Finials
Molding scrap
Pegs
Pinecones, sap-free
Rings
Spools, thread
Spindles
Spools, wire, cord, etc.
Stamps
Stretcher bars
Toy parts
Veneer

Paper

Books: Art and craft, science, nature, ecology and children's hardcover, unused journals
Calendars, current and used
Carbon paper
Craft papers: construction, cover stock, origami, scrapbooking
Boxes for small gifts and jewelry
Computer and copy paper (white or colors)-new only
Crepe paper
Display boards
Drawing pads
Envelopes, new w or w/o print
Game boards
Game pieces and score cards
Gift bags, reusable
Gift wrap, new
Greeting cards, new and used
Grocery bags, brown paper
Index cards
Jigsaw puzzle pieces
Magazines: nature, arts, crafts, vintage
Maps

Mat board
Newsprint end rolls, unprinted
Notepads
Paint sample chips
Photos, G-rated!
Playing cards, new and used
Postcards
Poster tubes
Poster board
Post-It Notes
Shoe boxes
Sleeves from hot drinks
Stamps, cancelled postage
Stationery
Stencils
Stickers
Tissue paper
Wallpaper sample books
Wallpaper rolls
Bingo cards
Blueprints
Chip board
Cigar boxes
Coffee filters, unused
Foam core board, new or used
Graph paper
Handmade paper
Letterhead paper
Mailing tubes
Pattern paper (oak tag)
Posters, educational
Raffia
Sheet music
Sheet paper, lined and unlined
Watercolor paper

Art and Crafts Supplies

Baby food jars
Baskets
Beads
Bows
Brads
Brushes
Candles, candle wax, wicks
Colored pencils
Crayons
Feathers
Floral supplies
Flowers: dried or artificial
Markers, crayons, chalks, pastels, charcoals
Paints: watercolors, good tempera, acrylic and oils
Pipe cleaners
Ribbons
Seashells
Stencils
String and rope
Rubber stamps, stamp pads, inks
Templates
Tools for any crafts
Unfinished, incomplete projects
Brayers
Calligraphy pens
Canvases complete and scrap pieces

Clip art
 Dryer sheets, used, unscented only
 Foam shapes and sheets
 Kits of all kinds: needlepoint, paint-by-number.
 Letters and numbers
 Macramé twine
 Polymer clays, fresh
 Rollers
 Squeegees, new
 Table looms
 Teabags, unused
 Tools and equipment for arts and engineering

Fabrics and related notions

Fabric remnants, bolt ends, squares:

Burlap
 Canvas
 Cottons: muslin, broadcloth, gingham, gauze, flannel, denim, twill, poplin, batiste, terry cloth, corduroy
 Felt
 Fleece
 Fur, faux
 Gauze
 Knits
 Leather, faux and genuine, belts and scraps
 Silks
 Tulle and chiffon
 Velvet
 Wool
Batting: all types
Buttons – all sizes, shapes and colors
Carpet square samples
Designer samples
Embellishments: beads, sequins, appliqué, rhinestones
Embroidery thread
Lace
Patterns
Pins and needles
Sample books of fabric
Sewing machines, in good working condition

Spools of thread
Tools: Scissors, thimbles, rulers, stencils, cutting boards.
Trims
Yarn
Zippers
 Bias tape
 Burlap bags
 Elastic
 Mill ends
 Neckties
 Needlepoint canvas
 Piping and cording
 Quilt squares and blocks of all sizes
 Velcro
 Webbing

Office and School Supplies

Binders: ½" – 2"
Clip boards
Dividers
Envelopes: new printed or plain
Files, hanging and expandable
File folders, letter and legal sizes
Folders, two-pocket
Glue sticks and bottles, gently used
Markers and highlighters, all kinds
Notebooks
Notepads
Paper clips of all kinds
Pencils
Pens
Rubber bands
Rulers
Scissors
Staple removers
Staplers and staples
Tape, new or end-rolls, all kinds
Thumbtacks and push pins
 Bookends
 Calculators, hand-held
 Chalk and small chalk boards, erasers
 Cork boards
 Desk accessories
 Drafting tools and templates

Erasers
 Hole punches
 Ledgers
 Legal pads
 Letter openers
 Magazine file boxes
 Pencil boxes
 Pencil sharpeners
 Protectors for documents
 Protractors
 Receipt pads
 Tape dispensers
 Transparencies, unused
 White boards and markers, erasers
 Yardsticks

Miscellaneous Reusable Items

Games and kits, complete or just pieces
Fabric reusable bags
 Advertising magnets
 Billiard balls
Holiday decorations (limited, please ask)
Lab glass: test tubes and slides
Rope, twine
Sandpaper
Vases, clean and unstained
 Vintage ephemera
 Cameras
 Corks, stoppers, plugs
 Ceramic tiles, leftover and adhesive-free
 Easels
 Glass pebbles
 Small glass bottles w/wo caps
 Mannequins
 Marbles
 Musical instruments, broken
 Pegboard
 Rock specimen collections
 Small mirrors
 Sponges, new
 Tennis balls
 Trophies
 Stained glass scrap
 Typewriters, manual, or parts

WE also need BROWN PAPER Grocery BAGS for our use in the Pack-a-Sack area - Please donate!

Generally, The I.D.E.A. Store will not accept anything that has been exposed to mold, mildew, mice, insects or other pests, hazardous chemicals, poisons, and possible allergens **such as peanuts or peanut products.** Items may also be declined because they are highly flammable, too large or too numerous, have low re-use appeal, have odors, or are being “recalled” by their manufacturers.

The I.D.E.A. Store **will not accept the following items for health and safety reasons, or due to weight and size constraints. We reserve the right to carefully select what we can stock and shelve.**

NO finished fabric items such as bedding and sheets, pillows, drapes, blinds, curtains, clothing, shoes, purses --- NO Christmas items except ornaments and natural wreaths --- No complete computers or monitors --- NO appliances --- No encyclopedia sets and textbooks --- NO food or anything that held food --- NO medication bottles --- NO furniture or mattresses --- NO house paint --- NO household garbage or yard waste --- NO large tiles --- NO luggage --- NO personal care or hygiene items --- NO grocery plastic bags or odd-sized bags ---NO plush and fabric toys --- NO large, used sports equipment --- NO plastic toys larger than 2"x2" --- NO Styrofoam peanuts and molded packaging --- NO used envelopes or junk mail.

Donation Drop-offs are during normal hours of operation or by appointment.

Questions? Or need something special or many of one-kind-of-thing?

Give us a call! 217-352-7878