

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.

Items listed in **bold with *** call first to see if we have room to store it!

Metals

Bottle caps
Chain of all sizes
Drink and food can tabs
Fasteners, such as upholstery tacks, paper clips, staples
Small hand tools of any vintage (small)
Hardware odds and ends
Jewelry parts
Keys – all kinds
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, craft, floral, all gauges
Archery arrows
Buckles
Charms
Cookie cutters
Dental tools
Film reels
Small hinges, hooks
Lamp parts
Musical instrument parts
Padlocks, with or without keys
Short pipe scrap
Rings, gears
Small craft motors
Springs
Trays
Watches and clock parts
Wind chime parts

Plastics

Bubble wrap: clean, unpopped, clean edges
CDs and cases* – limited, call first
Flowers
Game pieces
Mesh vegetable/fruit bags
Spools, empty thread
Straws
Styrofoam craft shapes
Styrofoam egg cartons*
Tubing and hoses
Acrylic sheets in good condition
Contact paper
Cookie cutters
Craft beads, plastic canvas
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 w/wo lids

Tab closures from food bags
Tennis ball canisters
Toys, no larger than 1.5"x1.5"
Tubes for posters and mailing
Vinyl records
Vinyl signage

Wood - new and vintage

Boxes, including cigar
Dowel rods
Craft items – pre-cut
Needlework hoops
Picture frames – whole or pieces
Popsicle sticks, tongue depressors
Samples and scraps, nail-free, 6" square or smaller
Spools, thread
Alphabet blocks
Model parts, balsa wood
Bamboo rods and pieces
Basket caning and reed
Chopsticks, skewers
Clothespins
Corkboard
Corks
Dice, game pieces
Drift wood
Finials
Pegs, rods,
Rings
Spindles
Spools, wire, cord, etc.
Stamps
Stretcher bars
Toy parts
Veneer

Paper

Books: Art and craft, science, nature, ecology hardcover, unused journals
Calendars, current and used*
Carbon paper
Craft papers: construction, cover stock, origami, scrapbooking
Gift boxes (small)
Greeting cards, new and used*
Computer and copy paper (white or colors)-new only
Crepe paper – full or partial rolls
Display boards, foam core, mat board
Drawing pads
Ephemera – notes, letters
Envelopes, new w/o print
Game boards
Game pieces and score cards
Gift bags, reusable
Gift tags
Gift wrap, new and used in good condition
Grocery bags, brown paper
Index cards
Jigsaw puzzle pieces*
Magazines: nature, arts, crafts, vintage – no Nat Geo
Maps – all kinds

Mat board
Newsprint end rolls, unprinted
Notepads, new or partial
Paint sample chips
Photos and slides
Playing cards, new and used, partial or full decks.
Postcards – new or used
Poster tubes
Poster board
Post-It Notes, full or partial
Shoe boxes*
Sleeves from hot drinks
Stamps, cancelled postage
Stationery
Stencils
Stickers – new and partial sheets
Tissue paper
*Wallpaper sample books**
*Wallpaper rolls**
Bingo cards
Blueprints
Chip board
Cigar boxes – wood or cardboard
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 – clean please
Baskets
Beads
Bows
Brads
Brushes
Candles, candle wax, wicks
Colored pencils
Crayons – sets or individual
Feathers
Floral supplies
Flowers: dried or artificial
Markers, crayons, chalks, pastels, charcoals
Paints: watercolors, good tempera, acrylic and oils
Pipe cleaners, chenille sticks
Ribbons – rolls or cut
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
 Ephemera
 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
 Tools and equipment for arts and engineering

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

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

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 – squares, sheets, scraps
Fleece
Fur, faux and real
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 – new or partial

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, new/partial
Markers and highlighters, all kinds
Notebooks
Notepads
Paper clips of all kinds
Pencils
Pens
Plastic stackable paper organizers*
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
Erasers
Drafting tools and templates
Hole punches

Miscellaneous Reusable Items

Games and kits, complete or just pieces
Fabric reusable bags
Advertising magnets
Billiard balls, ping pong balls, golf balls
Holiday decorations (limited, please ask)
Lab glass: test tubes and slides
Rope, twine
Sandpaper
Vases – small clear glass*
Vintage ephemera
Cameras, phones, calculators
Corks, wine, stoppers, plugs
Ceramic tiles, leftover and adhesive-free
Small computer parts, keys
Easels
Small glass bottles w/wo caps
Mannequins
Marbles, Glass pebbles
Musical instruments, broken
Pegboard
Rock specimen collections
Small mirrors – new or used, compacts
Sponges, new or used in good shape
Tennis balls
Trophies
Stained glass scrap
Typewriters, manual, or parts

WE also need BROWN PAPER and used shopping BAGS for our use - 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 --- 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 -NO plush and fabric toys --- NO large, used sports equipment --- NO Styrofoam peanuts and molded packaging - -- NO 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