

## 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

**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*

*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

**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

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, 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**