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
- Needlwork 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
- Stretchers 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
- Bras
- Brushes
- Candles, candle wax, wicks
- Colored pencils
- Crayons – sets or individual
- Feathers
- Floral supplies
- Flowers: dried or artificial
- Markers, crayons, chalks, pastels, charcoal
- 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, terrycloth,
corduroy
- Felt – squares, sheets, scraps
- Fleece
- Furf, faux and real
- Gaute
- 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**

**Embroidements: 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
- Quit squares and blocks of all sizes
- Velcro

**Webbing**

**Office and School Supplies**
- Binders: 3" – 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

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**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 items — 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**

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