

## 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**