

## SOURCES FOR COLLECTIONS CARE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES, PART II

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## Introduction

This list is not comprehensive, nor does it constitute an endorsement of the suppliers listed. The Field Advisory Service recommends contacting several vendors so that cost and quality comparisons can be made.

## Locating A Conservator

Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC)  
1400 16th St., NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
202/232-6636  
FAX 202/232-6630

The Foundation of the AIC offers a useful brochure, "Conservation Services Referral System," that provides information on how the AIC can assist in identifying and locating professional conservation services in specific states and regions of the country. The AIC also offers, free of charge, the brochure, "Guidelines for Choosing a Conservator."

## Storage Furniture/Equipment

A common problem in furnishing a collections storage area with proper shelving, cabinets and other furniture is locating affordable equipment that is considered safe for collections preservation. Many of the readily available choices are coated with materials that produce harmful by-products, such as formaldehyde, and contribute to the deterioration of the collections they house. To date, steel storage furniture with various "powder coatings" seems to avoid the off-gassing problem. Anodized aluminum equipment is another option.

## Bally Engineered Structures

PO Box 98  
Bally, PA 19503  
800/544-7534

Prefabricated building systems of super-insulated, foam core, metal-sheathed panels assembled inside of a building or outside to create a collection storage facility that is effective in creating appropriate environmental conditions.

## Shirley A. Dyak &amp; Associates

97 Poplar Grove Rd.  
Warrenton, VA 22186  
703/349-4621

Prefabricated storage building systems

## Crystalization Systems Inc.

1595A Ocean Ave.  
Bohemia, NY 11716  
516/567-0888  
Moveable art storage racks and storage cabinets

## Delta Designs

PO Box 1733  
Topeka, KS 66601  
913/234-2244  
FAX 913/233-1021  
Museum storage cabinets and equipment

## Charles J. Dickgiesser &amp; Co. Inc.

257 Roosevelt Dr.  
PO Box 475  
Derby, CT 06418  
203/734-2553  
FAX 203/734-9221  
Porta Storage art storage panel systems

## Interior Steel Equipment Co.

2352 E. 69th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44104  
216/881-0100  
FAX 216/881-0090  
Museum storage cabinets

## MJ Industries Inc.

PO Box 259  
Georgetown, MA 01833  
Library shelving

## Spacesaver Corporation

1450 Janesville Ave.  
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538  
800/492-3434  
High-density storage shelving systems

## Steel Fixture Manufacturing Co.

612 SE 7th St.  
PO Box 917  
Topeka, KS 66601  
913/233-8911  
FAX 913/233-8477  
Museum storage cabinets

## Unistrut

9918A East 45th Pl.  
Tulsa, OK 74140  
918/627-5800  
Rolling racks for fine art storage

## Western Industries Corp.

1716 NW Sixth  
PO Box 60668  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106  
405/232-3597

Ethafoam (Dow) polyethylene foam sheeting for padding collections storage shelves, artifact "nests" and other supports, and packing. Check the telephone directory under "Packaging Materials" or "Plastics-Foam" for additional distributors. Other brands include Microfoam (DuPont), Sentinel, Plastozote and Volara.

## Disaster Preparedness Supplies and Recovery Assistance

Disaster preparedness supplies such as water alarms; disaster recovery assistance such as vacuum freeze drying for water-damaged books and documents.

## Blackmon Mooring Steamatic

1101 Enterprise Ave.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73128  
405/943-1433  
Disaster recovery services

## BMS Catastrophe

303 Arthur St.  
Fort Worth, TX 76107  
817/332-2770  
800/433-2940 (24-hour hot line)  
Disaster recovery services, vacuum freeze drying

## Datasonic

225 E. Second st.  
Mineola, NY 11501  
516/248-7330  
Water sensing/flood alert alarms and equipment

## Disaster Recovery Services

414 Blue Smoke Ct., W.  
Fort Worth, TX 76105  
817/535-6793  
800/856-3333  
Disaster preparedness and recovery services

## Dorlen Products

Division of Electro-Consultants Inc.  
6615 W. Layton Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53220  
Water sensing equipment

## Munters Moisture Control Services

Gulf Coast Regional Office  
Houston, TX  
713/578-3801  
Assistance with disaster preparedness

planning; emergency service for water damage

National Fire Protection Association  
PO Box 9146  
Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, MA 02269  
800/344-3555  
Fire prevention information and standards

O-DRAT: Oklahoma Disaster Recovery Assistance Team  
Gary Harrington  
Oklahoma Department of Libraries  
200 NE 18th  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
405/521-2502  
800/522-8116  
Provides on-site salvage assistance and/or advice in the event a disaster strikes any library or records repository in the State of Oklahoma. O-DRAT also sponsors, along with the Oklahoma Conservation Congress, disaster recovery training sessions.

Restoration Technologies, Inc.  
1183 N. Elsworth Ave.  
Villa Park, IL 60181  
800/421-9290  
Disaster recovery of electronic equipment

Solex Environmental Systems  
PO Box 460242  
Houston, TX 77056  
713/963-8600  
800/848-0484  
FAX 713/461-5877  
Vacuum freeze drying, portable freezing chambers, environmental control systems, decontamination

Zephyr Manufacturing/  
Quality Rubber Co.  
PO Box 71  
Sedalia, MO 65302-0071  
800/597-9947  
FAX 816/827-0713  
Smoke sponges to remove soot and dirt during disaster recovery

### Miscellaneous Supplies

Applied Science Lab, Inc.  
PO Box 24329  
Richmond, VA 23224  
Tri-Test kit that tests paper for acidity, alum and ground wood

John Plant Co.  
PO Box 527  
Ramseur, NC 27316  
919/824-2366  
800/334-2711  
FAX 919/824-3177  
White cotton gloves

Jonell Manufacturing Corp.  
218 Green St.  
Box 547  
Herkimer, NY 13350  
315/866-1721  
Wooden hangers

Livestock supply store or local quilt supply stores  
Orvus WA Paste

Local fabric store  
Unbleached muslin

Newark Dressmaker Supply  
6473 Ruch Rd.  
PO Box 20730  
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0730  
215/837-7500  
FAX 215/837-9115  
100% cotton twill tape and thread for accession number labeling on clothing and textiles

Purafil, Inc.  
2654 Weaver Way  
Doraville, GA 30340  
800/222-6367  
Metal samples — lead, silver and copper — that can be placed in exhibition or storage cases to test for damaging air pollutants such as formaldehyde and sulphur.

Silver Care Products  
3535 Hoffman Road East  
St. Paul, MN 55110  
800/328-1449  
3M Silver Protector Strips

Taylor Made Company  
PO Box 406  
Lima, PA 19037  
Offers, for a nominal fee, the "Caveman Chemistry of Plastics" kit containing labeled samples of various plastics and vinyls.

Testfabrics  
200 Blackford Ave.  
PO Box 420  
Middlesex, NJ 08846  
908/469-6446  
Unbleached muslin (not starched or sized) and fiberfill

Vermont Country Store  
PO Box 3000  
Manchester Center, VT 05255-3000  
802/362-2400  
Wooden hangers and white cotton gloves

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For more information on sources for supplies and collections care, contact the Field Advisory Service, Oklahoma Historical Society, 2100 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4997; 405/521-2491.

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