

Disaster Recovery: Supplies for Salvage

Creating workspace: Repurposing materials

- Furniture – Tables, carts, flat storage drawers, plywood shelves, empty crates, sawhorses, pallets
- Materials – plastic sheeting, bubble wrap, foam sheets (Volara/Nalgene/Ethafoam), Mylar sheets
- Self-healing mat board
- Extension cords
- Cameras/lights
- Mops, buckets, ladders

Sourcing Materials: Local (hardware/grocery stores)

- Wet/dry vacuum, mops
- Fans, dehumidifiers
- Plastic sheet to line tables/shelves – drop cloths, tarps, etc.
- Interfacing/stabilizer for interleaving between materials – fabric/sewing supply stores
- Plastic Screening – metal will rust and stain
- Absorbent materials without dyes/colorants – blank newsprint, white sheets/towels/blankets, non-printed paper towels
- Wax paper for book/freezer prep

Materials for handling/moving

- Trays/rigid horizontal supports – cutting mats
- Plastic screen, interfacing for supporting draping items
- Carts
- Tables, shelves, horizontal surfaces
- Plastic sheeting for covering horizontal surfaces
- Plastic bins for small objects that don't require immediate horizontal surfaces/fast drying

Materials during drying

- Clean rags - without dyes/colorants
- Paper towels - without dyes/colorants
- Blotters - without dyes/colorants
- Felts - without dyes/colorants
- Trays
- Plastic Screens – metals will corrode/stain
- Sheets - without dyes/colorants
- Blankets - without dyes/colorants
- Fans/dehumidifier
- Wax paper for book/freezer prep

Materials for (dry!) storage

- Acid-free tissue and padding materials – cotton batting, polyester, clean rags/cloth
- Clean and Dry! Cardboard, trays for supports
- Weights and materials to apply uniform pressure – sheets of Plexiglas, archival board, dry plywood (use interleaving layer)
- Plastic bins, boxes