Care of Collections: Online Sources

Guides on caring for personal treasures

American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works: <http://aic.stanford.edu/>. See "Caring for Your Treasures" and "Selecting a Conservator." Brochures on caring for special objects, architecture, books, ceramics and glass objects, furniture, metal objects, paintings, photographic materials, works of art on paper, and home videos.

Canadian Conservation Institute: <http://www.preservation.gc.ca/no-flashindex.html>. Preserving My Heritage (English and French). Sections on "How to Care for . . ." paper documents, books, photographic materials, textiles, furniture, glass, ceramics, videotapes, carpets, musical instruments, kitchen utensils, clocks, coins, and others.

Conservation OnLine [CoOL]: <http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/>. See especially the link under "Conservation Topics" on "Conservation/Preservation Information for the General Public."

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village: < http://www.thehenryford.org/explore/default.asp >. See pages on "Caring for Your Artifacts," including information about textiles and costumes, archival materials, brass and bronze, clocks, furniture and wooden objects, glass and ceramics, historical iron, historical silver, historic tabby, log buildings, oil paintings, photographic prints, and works of art on paper.

Library of Congress, Preservation Directorate: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/preserv/preserve.html> Sections on care and storage of books, motion picture film, photographs, newspapers, sound recordings, and print, posters and maps.

National Archives and Records Administration: <http://www.archives.gov/preservation/>. See "Caring for Your Family Archives."

Smithsonian Institute, Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education (SCMRE): < http://www.si.edu/scmre/takingcare/guidelines.htm >. Sections on furniture, insects and pests, objects, paintings, paper-based materials, and textiles.

Guides for museum, library, and archives staff, including information of interest to private collectors

National Park Service "Conserve O Gram": <http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/conserveogram/conserv.html>. Technical leaflets on a wide variety of topics relevant to the preservation of museum and historic collections.

Northeast Document Conservation Center: <http://www.nedcc.org/>. See "Caring for Your Collections." Technical leaflets on disaster recovery and caring for library and archive collections.

Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage: <http://dia.org/mi-alliance>. "Disaster Recover Resource Center" with information, lists of suppliers and service providers, and links.

SOLINET: <http://www.solinet.net/preservation/>. Focus is on library and archive materials. Section on disaster mitigation and recovery and technical leaflets of preservation topics.

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