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.


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.


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


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.