Materials and Services

Places members have found useful for materials and tools.

- 3D Printing
- Abrasives
- Jewelry
- Metals
- Plastics
- PPE
- Textiles
- Wood / Woodworking
    - Lumber (Hardwood, Softwood)
    - Plywood
    - Woodworking Tools
    - Veneers
- Manufacturing

3D Printing

Local Sources

Online Sources

Keene Village Plastics

URL: https://www.villageplastics.com/

Small business in Euclid, Ohio.

Matterhackers

URL: https://www.matterhackers.com/

Printers, Filament, CNC, Lasers, and more.

Polymaker

URL: https://us.polymaker.com/

Search around for a 15% off coupon before ordering

Prusa Research

URL: https://prusa3d.com/

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Abrasives

Local Sources

Brown's Hill Sand

URL: https://brownshillsand.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/aXb2URT63TnxrU2Q9

(412) 854-7263 (Sandblasting media CHEAP)

Online Sources

Supergrit

URL: https://www.supergrit.com/

Gettysburg PA

Jewelry

Tools, Equipment, Materials and Metals

https://www.hauserandmiller.com

- Silver and precious metals, very high quality and may be more expensive yet when you need quality or specialized sizes of metals wire, sheet, tubes and more this is the place to go.
- They are also where I sell my precious metal scrap and they offer great service and percentages of value.
- Ordering is by phone

https://www.riogrande.com

- You can order almost anything from Rio Grande, metals, tools, findings, display needs, packaging and much much more.
- I buy my base metals (copper, brass, etc.) from them even though the price may be a tiny bit higher because they package it so well that I can use all of it.
- Other suppliers have sent me bent and scratched metals.
- You can buy silver and precious metals too, the selection and quality may not be as great as Hauser and Miller.
- Rio is great at technical support and will help you with any problems or questions about what you purchase from them and are good about replacing items that are defective.

https://www.contenti.com

- They have a very good selection of tools and accessories and tend to be lower in price.
- I really like them and have used them often.

https://www.metalliferous.com

- I buy the patterned brass strips from them and they have an assortment of odds and ends in base metals including chains that are fun and useful.
- I don't recommend them for sheet metal, they package it very poorly.
- Their shipping is not very fast.

http://www.ottofrei.com

- They have a fine line of high end and general jewelers tools.
- They also carry specialty tools and hammers that may not be available elsewhere.

https://www.kingsleynorth.com

- I have ordered a lot of supplies, furniture and tools from Kingsley North and had a good experience with them.
- I find that they change their offerings often so sometimes they don't carry something that I purchased from them previously.

https://www.gaberandcompany.com

Address: 104 Wabash St, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

(412) 539-0400

- Great for when you are desperate for a tools, some metals, packaging and display supplies. They are in the West End.
- Their prices are higher but you can have it the same day, you pick it up and don't have to pay shipping costs.
- You will need to open an account with them and give them your sales tax certificate to keep on file.

Metals

Protohaven Partners

Metals Supermarkets Pittsburgh (West)- Protohaven Partner

URL: https://www.metalsupermarkets.com/location/pittsburgh-west/ - Phone (412) 460-9040

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/n9zx7Z4Bcfzdy23D6

> Metal Supermarkets are independently owned franchises. Our agreement is with the Metal Supermarkets Pittsburgh West.

Metal Supermarkets caters to the needs of small-quantity buyers. Whereas typical metal service centers are geared toward high-volume operations, Metals Supermarkets differentiates itself with knowledgeable service representatives and top-tier customer service. The Metal Supermarkets team will take time to understand your needs, answer your questions and make sure you get just the right product for your project.

For orders, contact them directly by phone and be sure to let them know you are a *Protohaven Member.*

> *I'm excited to be a part of the Protohaven mission of engaging people in the process of making things to enrich individual lives, build thriving communities, promote entrepreneurship, and contribute to a vibrant, sustainable society by providing convenient access for Protohaven members small quantity metal needs.*
> *– Rich Russell, Metals Supermarket Pittsburgh (West)*

Local Suppliers

Fieldcrest Steel Corp.

URL: https://www.facebook.com/FieldcrestSteel/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/1gdMzPx3rfjbCB6M8

Sells steel shapes by the pound, cash.

Glenshaw Steel Supply

URL: https://www.glenshawsteel.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/kWzaJMFD5GSA5bqt6

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Wallace Metals

URL: https://www.wallacemetals.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/sh79wmpmbFcLRcSk6

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Local Services

Mance Plating Co.

URL: https://www.yellowpages.com/imperial-pa/mip/mance-plating-company-1234503

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/iecksTKjAMaj3YQL8

Phone: (724) 695-0550

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Online Suppliers

Midwest Steel Supply

URL: https://www.midweststeelsupply.com/store/index.php

Midwest Steel Supply is a good resource for Steel, Aluminum and other materials. They will cut to size for a minimal fee. They can take up to a week to get items in the mail.

Onlinemetals.com

URL: https://www.onlinemetals.com/

Tooling Suppliers

Travers

URL: https://www.travers.com/

There is also a Travers catalog in the kitchen area, and one in the Tormach toolbox.

McMaster Carr

URL: https://www.mcmaster.com/

Notes: fast shipping.

MSC Direct

URL: https://www.mscdirect.com/

Notes: fast shipping.

Plastics

Local Sources

Laird Plastics

URL: https://lairdplastics.com/pittsburgh/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/JJ2YgyCzbZG7TkCn8

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Piedmont Plastics

URL: https://www.piedmontplastics.com/locations/pittsburgh/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/6BLGgfYHr1jFGZYJA

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Total Plastics

URL: https://www.totalplastics.com/contact-pittsburgh/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/6BLGgfYHr1jFGZYJA

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Online Sources

Smokey Hill Designs

URL: https://smokeyhilldesigns.com

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PPE

Textiles

Local Resources

Decorator & Upholstery Supply

URL: https://decoratorsupplyinc.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/CQEDLsL24K5ft41e7

They sell to the public, but they are mainly a workshop. Call ahead ((412) 561-3770) and make sure they're expecting you.

Firecracker Fabrics

URL: https://www.firecrackerfabrics.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/bRWWeLrq3ZaYwJj48

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Loom

URL: https://www.loomshowroom.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/Jh4FoU7Ezwk4G1Uh7

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Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse

URL: https://pccr.org/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZoeVKegeSKaW8jKe6

Rotating stock, somewhat variable. Good for notions.

Quilter's Corner

URL: https://quilterscorner-pa.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/bSWqgahm3vupZw7c9

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Online Resources

Fabric Mart - Located in PA; often carry designer deadstock; sales rotate daily

Wood / Woodworking

Local sourcing map: https://earth.google.com/earth/d/1ebGqEFjUO_HxITq7C18zuVl_93BiZKGw

Lumber (Hardwood, Softwood)

Local Resources

Allegheny Millwork and Lumber

URL: https://alleghenymillworklumber.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/EXXseAhRW39DJSHx6

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Lezzer Lumber (formerly Brookside Lumber)

URL: https://www.lezzerlumber.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/g1jDnU7XUqEnsUQr6

Acquired in Dec 2025. Not sure if the quality has changed.

Hood Distribution (formerly Distributor Service Inc.)

URL: https://hooddistribution.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/GsxkaEXbB3b1fR6Y9

Acquired in 2023, but rebranded in Feb 2026.

~~Forest2Home~~

Permanently closed in Jan 2026.

George M Hall Co

URL: https://gmhalllumber.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/DMhX1pDkjXdpn7B28

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Jones Sawmill

URL: http://www.jonessawmill.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/6ShuvBvZkoB6ouDg7

Call ahead before visiting: 724-352-3825

Keim Lumber (Home Center)

URL: https://www.keimcompany.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/aU6rST15HWqxVy1Q8

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Mars Lumber

URL: http://marslumber.com

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/7oB4YEfVoPS7Tofz9

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Pawlosky Lumber

URL: https://www.facebook.com/SAWMILLPA/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/jtuQsDWi7baWnjS38

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Paul Lumber and Supply:

URL: https://www.facebook.com/paullumbercompany/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/u5kbEJd1aciPZa2M6

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Rockler

URL: https://www.rockler.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/2azxurzpqaeSZ5hm7

Can be spendy.

Urban Tree

URL: https://pittsburghurbantree.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ld4uuANdi68R7frY8

Live edge slabs from local trees and some leftover scrap pieces from their projects.

~~Woodcraft of Pittsburgh~~

URL: https://www.woodcraft.com/

Permanently closed in Dec 2025. Online ordering still available. The next closest location is Woodcraft of Cleveland.

Can be spendy.

Online Sources

Ocooch Hardwoods

URL: https://ocoochhardwoods.com/

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Plywood

Local Sources

Allegheny Plywood- Protohaven Commercial Account

URL: https://www.alleghenyplywood.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/9pTdj6KuzDZy9CPm9

We have opened a Protohaven commercial account with Allegheny Plywood and will be placing aggregated orders. Please reach out to Sam (sam@protohaven.org) and Camden (camden@protohaven.org) to place your order, or for any questions.

Hood Distribution (formerly DSI)

URL: https://hooddistribution.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/UYDf6rBSF66WjSVg6

Acquired in 2023, then renamed in Feb 2026.

George M Hall Co

URL: https://gmhalllumber.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/DMhX1pDkjXdpn7B28

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Mail Order Sources

Keim Lumber (Home Center)

URL: https://www.keimcompany.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/aU6rST15HWqxVy1Q8

Phone: (330) 893-2251

Ocooch Hardwoods

URL: https://ocoochhardwoods.com/

Ocooch Hardwoods ships out of Wisconsin. Takes about a week to ship direct to PH. Great product and a family owned business.

Woodworking Tools

Local Resources

Rockler

URL: https://www.rockler.com/

Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/2azxurzpqaeSZ5hm7

Can be spendy.

~~Woodcraft of Pittsburgh~~

URL: https://www.woodcraft.com/

Closed in Dec 2025. Online ordering is still available. The closest location is now Woodcraft of Cleveland.

Can be spendy.

Online Resources

Taylor Toolworks

URL: https://taytools.com/

Veneers

Mail Order Sources

Goby Walnut

URL: https://gobywalnut.com/collections/veneer-sheet-goods

Veneer Supplies

URL: https://www.veneersupplies.com/

Manufacturing

We don't have any partnerships or sponsorships for the following companies, but they are some local places that members have recommended:

- MAE technical advisory
- Trico welding
- Reuss industries
- Hutchinson and Gunter
- Conturo Prototyping

Additionally these are "outsourcing" options for cheap and reasonably quick turnaround:

- Xometry
- SendCutSend

There's also Metals Supermarkets; we have a partnership with one of their locations. They also have in-house manufacturing, including:

- Saw Cutting
- Shearing
- Hole Punching & Drilling
- Flame Cutting
- Box & Pan Brake Sheet Metal Bending