



D3 INFORMATION PAMPHLET
DELIVER • DOCUMENT • DESTROY
OBJECT DIVESTMENT SERVICES

Welcome to D3. D3 is an artist-run service specializing in helping people part with emotionally burdensome objects. If you have an object which has unwanted meaning or no longer fulfills its purpose, D3 can assist you with a means of separation that feels right. With each object, D3 creates a personalized program to divest such objects from your personal collection. The service takes you step-by-step through the process to rid yourself of the formidable object that requires detachment.

The process begins when you complete the submission materials and we receive your object at our studio in Los Angeles, CA. This begins to dismantle the physical level of connection with your object. When D3 receives your submission, we review your materials and consider the provenance of your object. You will be notified that your object is in D3's possession. The key to the process is the production of one or more surrogates. We may require additional information to formulate the best surrogate(s) and destruction method for your particular object. The surrogate is a step in the process, not a replacement. From the moment your object arrives at D3's studio, we will track its every movement. The final phase is the destruction of your object. The method of destruction is determined by D3 and executed to produce the maximum emotional profit.

Once the transformative process is complete, we make a customized Certificate of Destruction. Your case will become part of the D3 archive.

Our motto is, "We help you know what you need to not need."

READY TO WORK WITH US TAKE A PACKET*

PACKET INCLUDES:

- SUBMISSION FORM
- OBJECT INFORMATION SHEET
- D3 SHIPPING LABEL
- DEED OF GIFT
- OBJECT QUALITY WORKSHEET

*packets are available for download at:
<http://www.d-three.org/welcome.html>

MISSION

D3 was founded in 2010 by Megan Cotts, Ali Prosch, and Brica Wilcox. Artists with a mutual interest in the intersection of images, objects and narratives met to consider how to engage this territory as a group and also invite others to the conversation.

D3 is devoted to addressing the complex need for a new relationship between humans and their objects. With your help, the organization is collecting cases to analyze the potential of object divestment. The process is an experiment focused on modifying object attachments through desire's conflation with material.

By reconsidering the bond between individuals and their possessions, our goal is to help clients who experience a conflict in their own human-object relations. Everyone has an object with a symbolic value that far outweighs its use value, and D3 can rebalance the equation.

The first law of thermodynamics states that energy cannot be created or destroyed; only transformed. Matter is, very simply, compressed energy. D3 "destroys" matter to reorganize its energy, thus transforming the affected relationship between an object and its steward. The process removes negative emotions caused by the relationship and yields an emotional profit for our clients.

ABOUT OUR ARCHIVE

D3 rapidly deaccessions the objects submitted, but the documentation, auxiliary materials and surrogates remain in the archive. This catalogue of transformed objects allows us to track changes in human-object dynamics and monitor the personal, cultural and social forces involved.

The common model of human-object relations has been preservative. Retaining the “most authentic” version of objects and their stories, often pulling them away from lived experience, to act as a “vital record of history.” D3 sees engagement with the present as the imperative. It is D3’s clients who decide to transform everyday life through their own personal connections and desire for change. The Archives’s anti-preservationist model is a radical take on both individuality and connectedness.

The archive is available for public research and exhibitions. Include your story in our catalogue of absence.

D3 FAQs

- Who is D3?

D3 is a service provider based in Los Angeles that can relieve you of your emotionally burdensome objects through a respectful process that will transform your relationship with those objects.

- Is my object appropriate for D3?

D3 is not a house-cleaning service; we are looking for submissions that you consider difficult to part with for emotionally charged reasons. As long as this criteria fits your submission, we are interested in any inanimate objects you have to offer.

- Why should I submit my object to D3?

The unique service that D3 provides can offer you an emotional profit. Every addition to the D3 Archive helps us to understand and improve human-object relationships.

- When does D3 accept submissions?

D3 accepts submissions on an ongoing basis. Once your object has been received, you will be contacted about the next steps in the process.

- Will D3 return my object?

No. An important part of our process is to destroy the objects; however they will be documented in a variety of ways. These new materials will become a part of the D3 Archive.

- What if mailing my object is difficult?

Please contact us by email to discuss any specific concerns and we will work to accommodate you.

- What do I need to send along with my submission?

In our packet you will find instructions and all the materials needed to get the process started. Pick one up today!

- Does D3 charge a fee?

No.

There are no fees for our services. You may incur minor costs for shipping, but otherwise it is free to participate in this process and receive the incredible benefits.

- What do you mean by surrogate? Do I get to keep it?

The surrogates we produce are tools for understanding the various levels of meaning imbued in an object. A surrogate may take the form of a photograph, a sculpture, a drawing or anything else that can assist in the divestment process. The surrogates stay in the D3 Archive.

- Do I get anything in return?

Once the process is completed, you will receive a Certificate of Destruction.

- What if I have more questions that are not covered here?

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