Resource List
The Care of Leather and Fur
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- **Care of Skin and Skin Products (Leather)**, Minnesota Historical Society
  - Short article with general overview of definition/identification, deterioration, basic care (storage, repair, etc.), and proper display.

- **How to Care for Leather and Skin Objects**, Canadian Conservation Institute
  - Links to CCI Notes (short articles) on several specific topics relating to leather and skin objects, from the Care of Rawhide & Semi-tanned Leather, to Removing Mould from Leather.

- **Saving Your Treasures: Organic Materials, Animal Materials: Skin & Leather**, Nebraska State Historical Society, Gerald Ford Conservation Center
  - Video from the Conservation Center that comprehensively describes the chemical properties of animal skins as well as the main tanning processes, complete with visual examples.

- **Conserve O Grams** from the National Park Service
  - Online articles relating to a variety of museum issues, a few on specific leather preservation concerns. See especially 5.3 “Internal Supports for Buckskin Clothing Storage”; 9.1 “Leather Dressing: To Dress or Not to Dress”; 9.2 “An Easy-To-Build Museum Saddle Mount.”

(Although a comprehensive book describing collection concerns for natural history collections, some practical information on animal study skins that relates to leather and furs.)

Kite, Marion, and Roy Thomson, Eds. 2006 *Conservation of Leather and...
(Comprehensive book describing leather, tanning history and processes, the care of different leathers and furs, as well as case studies of conservation treatments.)

(Guide for problem-solving a variety of storage issues for natural history collections, but can relate to leathers and furs, as well.)

(General, easy to comprehend book on preservation of a wide variety of objects.)

Resources for Materials:
- Archival materials for storage and mounts: Conservation Resources; Talas
- Cleaning sponges: cosmetic (pharmacies and supermarkets; any place make-up is sold), soot/”Absorene” brand (Talas, some hardware stores, Amazon)
- Mounting “tapes”: cotton twill tape (Conservation Resources under “Cotton labeling tape”, twilltape.com), Teflon tape (plumber’s tape usually available in hardware stores, like Home Depot)