

WHERE to start your sustainable materials search.



start here

first decide to go **'sustainable'**

What does that mean?

- Sourced locally
- Reused, Low-Impact
- Economical

used

Sourcing reused or recycled materials locally can help save money and materials can be gathered almost immediately. Material availability is variable.

Architectural Salvage Yard ijunkyards.com American Builder Surplus americanbuildersurplus.com Habitat for Humanity ReStore habitat.org/restores Planet ReUse marketplace.planetreuse.com

new

New materials and appliances, like windows and refrigerators, that are energy efficient and low-impact may have a higher up-front cost but are economically efficient on a long-term basis.

EPA: Finding Green Materials and Products epa.gov/greenhomes/SmarterMaterialChoices Energy Star energystar.gov Water Sense epa.gov/watersense Sears sears.com/appliances

Location

start in your town

- What can be salvaged, repurposed or repaired?
- What can be collected from within town or nearby communities?

tip Sourcing materials from within your neighborhood will help jump-start economic recovery and stimulation.

Material

reimagine material types

- First, collect, organize, and manage materials that have been salvaged.
- Engineer how those materials can be used to help rebuild homes, community buildings, and public spaces?
- Can materials be sourced locally?
- Consider new materials that are energy efficient or low-impact.

Cost

keep costs low

- Look for materials that have been pre-used, salvaged from other projects, or requiring refurbishing.
- Start local, save on gas money and shipment costs.
- What items do you need immediately, and what items can you put aside for now?
- Prioritizing necessities can help stretch funds.
- Talk to your neighbors; what items can you buy in bulk and split the costs?

where to look

A good place to save money is through the materials you select, for both building and furnishing purposes.

Create a community resource center where ladders, nails, drills, hammers, and other supplies are communal and work towards rebuilding a stronger and more sustainable community.



Have a **smaller** impact on the environment and your wallet by using the right building materials

