



URBAN WOOD

Trees that get removed because of insect or disease problems, storms or for development have spent decades and sometimes over a century forming wood within that tree. Because of this slow process, we shouldn't take trees for granted. Ideally, we should try to re-purpose the wood as much as possible.



HOW TO SUPPORT URBAN WOOD

Currently rough sawn urban wood is available for sale at Habitat for Humanity ReStores in Des Moines and Iowa City. Urban lumber can also be purchased directly from some sawmills. Some companies are able to offer the complete cycle of removal of a tree, milling the logs, and returning finished lumber produced from your tree. By using urban wood for your woodworking needs you can create unique wood products, support local businesses and help the environment.



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Don't Take Trees for Granted — BUY LOCAL!

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LOCAL LUMBER

This lumber came from trees that grew within communities in Iowa. Trees that grow in urban areas may be able to produce usable lumber, if care is taken during the tree removal process.



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Some local tree care companies remove trees from their communities and take the useable logs to local sawmills that process the logs into lumber. The wood is then re-purposed for local communities to utilize. Without this network, the trees would likely have ended up as firewood, mulch, or worse yet, the trees would have been hauled to a landfill.

SUSTAINABILITY

By milling lumber from urban trees that have to be removed, the wood is being re-purposed by local businesses for local Iowa communities to utilize. This reduces demand on forest grown trees and the associated fossil fuels burned to haul those logs long distances to the consumer. Keeping carbon locked up in wood products helps the environment by not releasing more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.



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