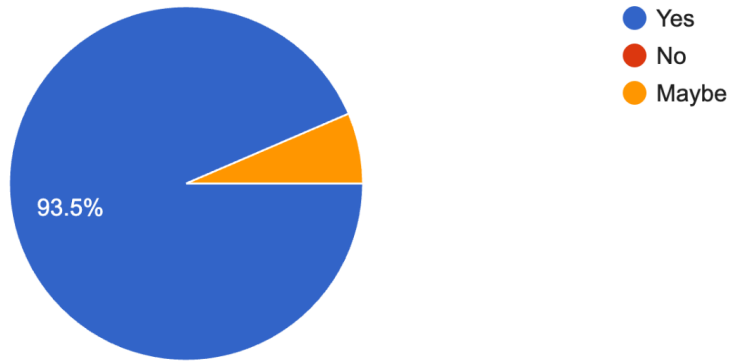


Community Survey Responses –

51 responses from 6/24/2026 to 8/23/2026 (first response was a test)

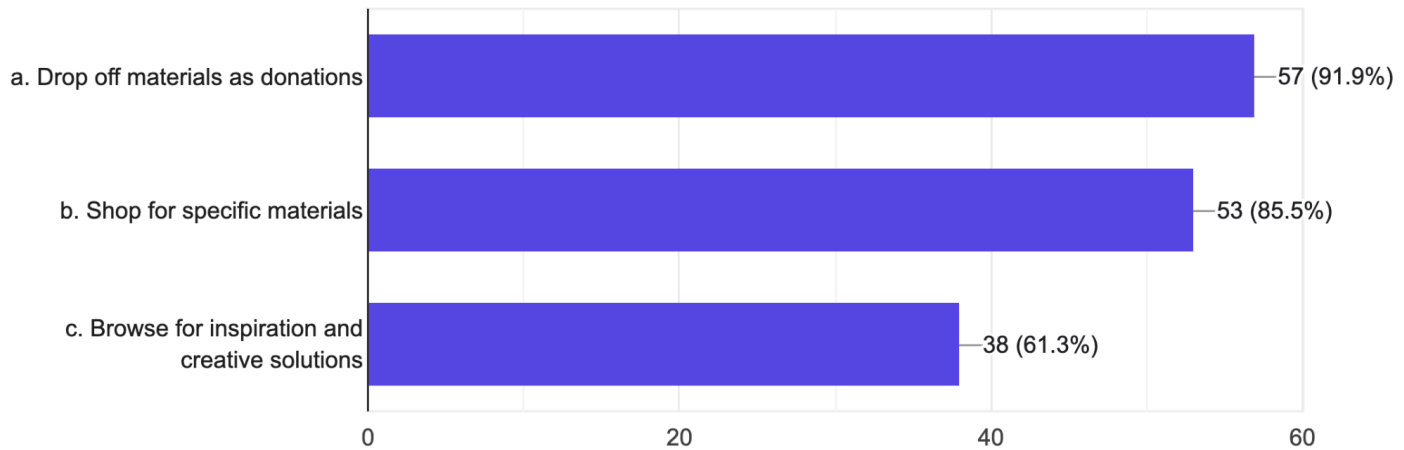
1) Would you use a local, used building materials store?

62 responses



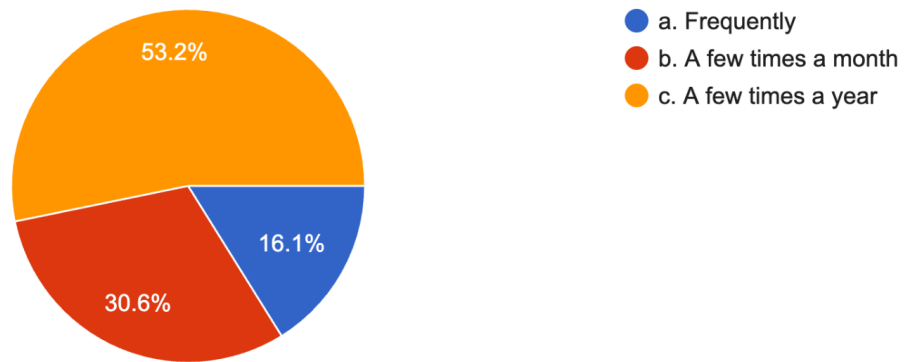
2) How would you most likely use this store?

62 responses



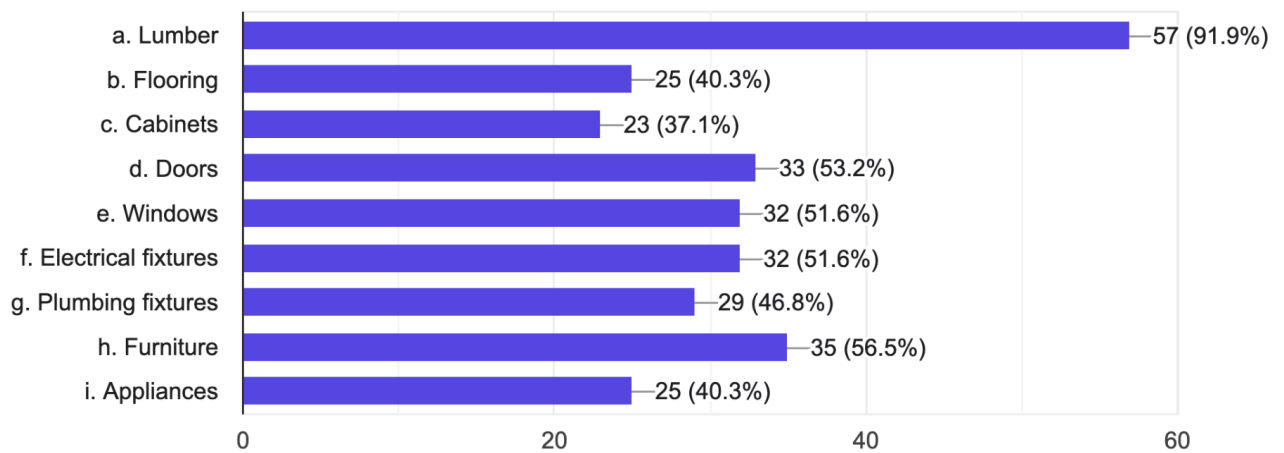
3) How often would you visit the store?

62 responses



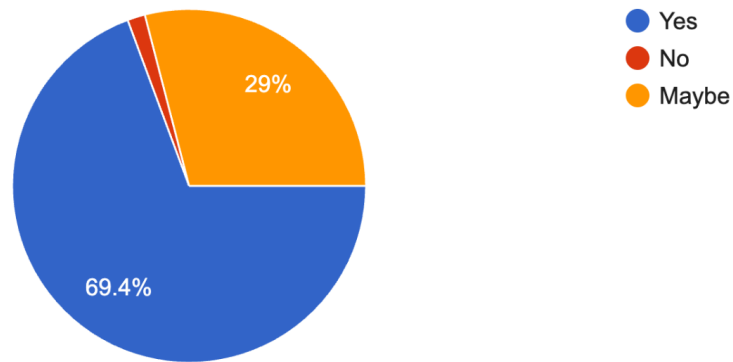
4) What materials might you interested in?

62 responses



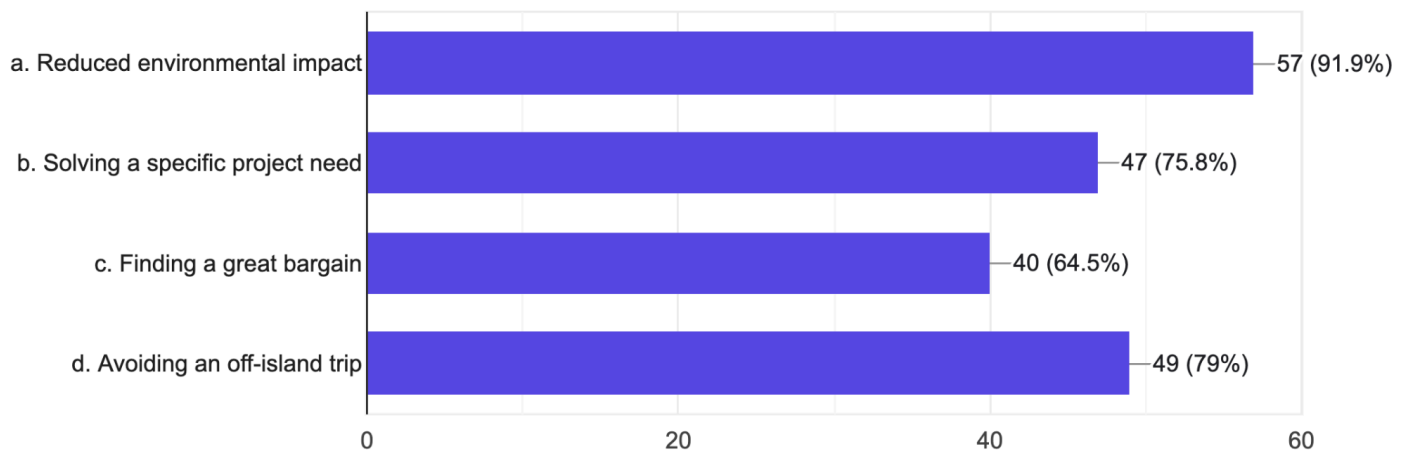
5) Do you have materials that you would donate to a used building materials store?

62 responses



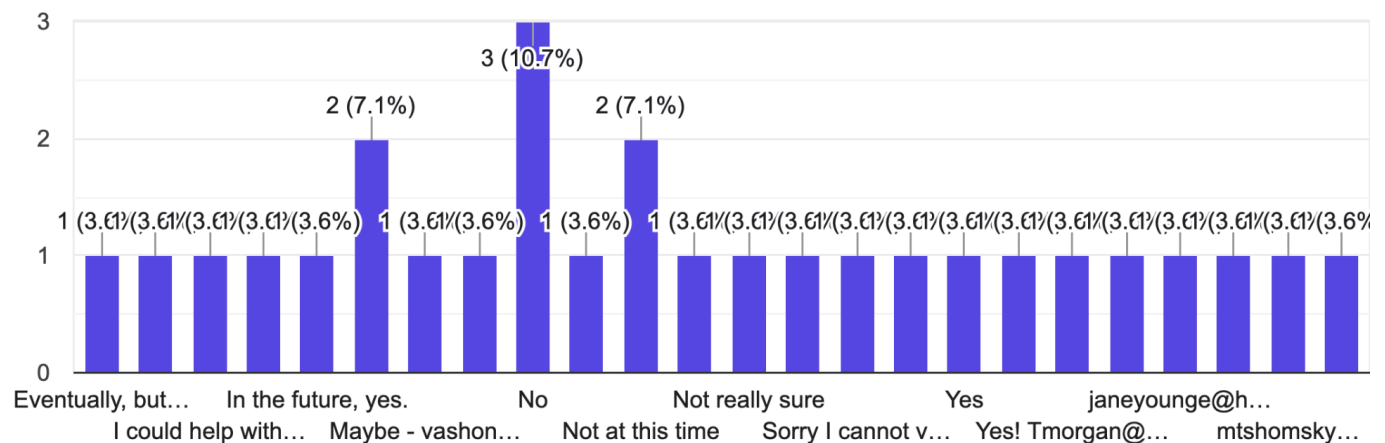
6) What is important for you when shopping at a reuse store?

62 responses



Would you like to volunteer to make this community reuse store work? There are many opportunities from store setup, stock intake, staging, store assist...d like to help? Please provide contact information.

28 responses



There are 7 “Yes” and 5 “Maybe” volunteer responses and 28 new signups for the ZWV newsletter

Comments:

- Please bring this kind of store to fruition here on the island!
- Would love to see this happen!
- This is awesome! So needed! The amount of stuff that ends up at the dump or side of the road is a shame. It would be great to not have to go off island to find a reuse store to support. This feels like great timing too with the creation of the maker space and tool library existence.
- In my previous experiences with similar places, when someone donated say a washing machine that partially worked the volunteers would break that down into usable parts and put them on the shelf for sale. The rest was put in the scrap metal pile. Anything that could be salvaged was offered and it was a great resource. Anything that was donated had to be approved to avoid people using it as a cheap way to get rid of stuff that was totally useless. There was also a space for plastic garden pots and people could take as many as they want for free.
- I would be grateful to have a place to donate building supplies so they don't pile up at my to house, knowing I can go back and find other supplies in the future to replace them. Also, I hope you find a designer to make a logo without using AI.
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- Great idea. Love the name and what a win-win for our community and the environment. Bravo to the smart folks who started this.
- An additional consideration is how easily a customer or browser can find what they are looking for. Being able to locate used materials for an in-progress project would be a dream come true. And, sadly, when in the middle of a project efficiency of getting what one needs to move forward is a consideration that drives us to buy new (and at exorbitant island prices, to boot!). Thanks for exploring this!
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- The restore in Bellingham is where I used to get all my lumber and storage solutions for my studio and my house. Even my clawfoot tub came from there. It's criminal that we take perfectly good stuff and just dump it.
- Yes!
- Likely visit once a month
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- I'd be interested in helping get this off the ground! Jane Younge
- Hopefully we get to have a Grandpa's Garage!