Acceptance Guidelines

General Criteria

We take a wide range of building materials and related items, but we can't take everything. Our space is limited. Material acceptance is based on current stock levels, space needs, quality & condition of the material, and local demand. It can change **at any time for any reason**. Just because we took something once does not mean we will take it again, but you are always welcome to double check.

There are many items not listed below that we will accept – contact us at reuse@zerowastevashon.org for general inquiry or material acceptance or gg.manager@zerowastevashon.org to contact our store manager

Please look at the categories below for
CONDITION REQUIREMENTS - specific to the category, along with
UNACCEPTABLE STYLES - that we will never accept.

Acceptance is based on current stock levels and space, quality and condition of the material, and is always subject to final inspection by our screeners. Items must be complete, in good working condition, with little or no need for assembly.

We will NOT take items that:
– Are INCOMPLETE or missing parts
– Are DAMAGED beyond repair
– Require assembly prior to use
We will NOT take liquids, chemicals, or hazardous materials (PCB's, mercury, or asbestos).

Appliances

We will not be accepting appliances initially, however, once we are:
– Pre-screen with us for acceptance.
– Must be clean and in good working order.
– 5 yrs old or less
– Freestanding, not built-in

Cabinets (Kitchen, Bath, and Built In)

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Must be structurally sound; no splitting at joints.
– Must have all doors and drawers intact and installed. We will not accept cabinets with doors and drawers removed.

MARGINAL STYLES
Accepted only on a limited basis and in excellent Condition. Please prescreen for details: - Generic plastic laminate and particle board cabinets from the 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s.

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES
– Blind corner and wall oven cabinets (or other awkward configurations) that are not part of a set.
– Built-in media/entertainment cabinets
– Low quality, dated cabinetry
– Particleboard or MDF cabinets

Doors

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Must be free from rot, bowing, twisting, and structural damage
– Must not have holes, deep gouges, or abnormal alterations
– Doors with jambs must be hung in the jamb
– Empty door jambs are not accepted

MARGINAL STYLES
Accepted only on a limited basis and in excellent condition. Contact us beforehand
– Hollow core doors
– Louvered closet doors

UNACCEPTED DOOR STYLES
– Single pane aluminum sliding doors

– Exterior sliding doors not assembled and complete
– Garage doors
– Doors taller than 84” or shorter than 75”
– Commercial solid core doors
– Aluminum screen/storm doors (wood screen doors in good condition are ok)

Flooring

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– 100 sq ft minimum
– All pieces must be free of nails
– Must be free of rot, excessive checking, twisting, bowing, and crowning
– Tongues and grooves must be intact
– Must be within 1/16in of original thickness

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES
– Used laminate/engineered wood flooring
– New laminate/engineered flooring in quantities less than 100SF
– Painted flooring

Furniture

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Some furniture is accepted depending on condition and space available. Must pre-screen first.
– Hardwood furniture preferred.
– Must be in excellent condition
– Easily movable by two persons
– No stains or pet damage
– No particleboard of MDF construction

Hardware

Due to typically high content of recyclable metals, we are able to accept most hardware, and we can recycle what cannot be re-used. Call first to verify if we can accept your hardware.

Heating and Cooling

– Very limited acceptance due to limited space. Call first to avoid disappointment.
– No furnaces, ductwork, HW heaters, ACs.

Lighting

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Fixtures with glass shades/globes/lenses must be free of chips cracks or breaks
– Fixtures must be complete and assembled (some exceptions for high-quality or vintage fixtures)

NOTE: Because of the changing nature of designs and styles, and varying qualities of lighting, we must examine light fixtures on an item-by-item basis to determine acceptability. Please pre-screen if possible.

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES
– Any fluorescent light fixtures (some exceptions for new-in-box shop-style lighting)
– Any fixtures with broken glass
– Dated styles that require excessive assembly
– Lights with frayed or deteriorating insulation

Lumber

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

– Must be free of nails
– Lumber and trim must be 6’ or longer
– Must be free of rot, excessive checking, twisting, bowing, cracking and crowning
– Maximum length of 12’
– Straight, not warped or water damaged
– Trim must be unpainted (some exceptions for desirable profiles and species)
– Plywood or OSB must be flat and at least 1/2 sheet

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES
– Any lumber, trim, or OSB with nails, or that is less than 6 feet in length (some exceptions for specialty hardwoods, and off-cuts of large lumber)
– Engineered lumber products (TJI’s and other laminated strand products)
– Simple casing and all common trim profiles
– Any particleboard or MDF
– Scraps and cutoffs

Windows and Doors with Glass

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Glass must be intact and free of cracks, chips, or breaks
– Thermopane (double pane) glass must be free of fogging or moisture between panes
– Wood frames must be free from rot, bowing, twisting, and structural damage
– Operable window hardware must be fully intact and functional

MARGINAL STYLES
Accepted only on a limited basis and in excellent Condition. Please call for details:
– Vintage single pane wood window sashes

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES
– Any window with dimensions larger than 6ft in any direction
– Any non-operating picture-style windows
– Aluminum windows
– Thermopane glazing with no frame

Sinks

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Must be free of chips, cracks (even hairline), or rust (some allowance on vintage fixtures)
– Must include all mounting hardware
– Stainless sinks must be free of dents, dings, excessive scratching, and mounting rails must be free of rust
– Free-standing sinks must have associated pedestal, legs, or mounting brackets

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES
– Cultured Marble sink/counter one-piece combos (modern Corian in good Condition is OK)
– Concrete laundry sinks
– Sinks used to dispose of paint or harmful chemicals
– Low-grade stainless steel kitchen sinks
– Fiberglass, enameled steel or plastic sinks
– Generic wall-mount sinks

Toilets

Very limited acceptance due to space constraints

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Must be clean, free of chips and cracks

– Tank and bowl must be assembled, and must include tank lid
– Must be low-flow and no more than 10 years old
– White color preferred, unless item is of exceptional quality or vintage

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES
– Old style, non-low-flow toilets
– Disassembled toilets and individual bowls and tanks
– Generic (no-name or plain) cheap toilets
– Commercial, flush valve toilet bowls

Stone, Tile, and Masonry

CONDITION REQUIREMENTS
– Pre-screen with us, any large loads for acceptance
– Masonry must be free of mortar and must be completely intact
– Tile must be new and in complete boxes (some exceptions for certain vintage tile styles)
– Stone countertop must be at least 24in in both directions (except for finished pieces for specific applications) Pre-screen with us first
– At least 20 pieces if specialty tile

Other Items Generally Not Accepted

– Carpet and carpet pad
– Mattresses or bedding
– Appliance (with some pre-screened exceptions)
– Paints, chemicals, and compounds (ACE takes paint)
– Used tile (or tile that is not in full boxes)
– Aluminum windows (prior to ca. 2000)
– Particle board sheets and shelf stock
– Partial rolls of fiberglass insulation
– Lumber, trim, or pipe that is less than 6 feet in length
– MDF trim
– Hollow core doors that are not in like-new condition
– Thermopane glass units with no frame
– Cabinets that are missing doors or drawers

NOTE: This list is far from complete – we encourage you to call us if you have any questions about dropping off material! We sometimes make exceptions to our acceptance policies if we know someone in the community is looking for certain items.