Local Tree Reclamation Project

This project was formed as a way to divert more resources from the landfill and to upcycle locally felled trees.

In 2019, Re-use Hawai‘i witnessed several beautiful trees being cut down and learned they would be sent to chippers and the landfill. This program allows us to offer our community local resources while addressing the larger waste issue in Hawai‘i. We accept tree donations throughout our community and offer all donors a tax-deductible donation receipt.

Look inside for instructions on how to care for your wet slabs.
Wet Slabs

The slab you purchased is a green or 'wet' slab. This means it has to be dried to lower the moisture content of the wood. Removing the moisture from the cell walls is crucial for woodworking. If the moisture level is too high, the wood will be compromised.

Stable wood must be <13% moisture content. Everything >15% is considered wet. Drying wood takes time! Allowing it to dry for the required time period is the only tried and true method we recommend.

Variables to Keep in Mind

01. Sun

02. Ventilation

03. Heat

04. Bugs

How to Store It

- Store evenly for 1 year in a well-supported, well-ventilated, and shaded-ventilated space
- Prevent pest damage with bug-repellent
- The end grain can be repainted to keep it from cracking as it dries faster than the rest of the slab
- If cutting the slab, seal the end grain

Please note: We’re not responsible if it cracks or splits as it dries, so please take care of your slab.