



Habitat Santa Barbara ReStore Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the ReStore?

The ReStore sells new and gently used home improvement items at a fraction of the retail price with proceeds supporting Habitat's mission of building and preserving affordable housing. The model celebrates environmental benefits by collecting donations and diverting household and construction waste from local landfills.

Where will the ReStore be located?

The ReStore will be located at 400 State St. in downtown Santa Barbara, at the corner of State and Gutierrez Streets.

When can I shop at the ReStore?

We are excited to welcome the first shoppers to the ReStore in the summer of 2026. Be sure to sign up for our email newsletter to find out about our grand opening celebration and more opening news.

When can I donate items to the ReStore?

We will be collecting donations of items starting in mid-March 2026, to help us plan and build our inventory of usable materials and thoughtfully curated furniture and décor items. To be the first to learn when we are ready to accept donations, please sign up for our ReStore newsletter. You can access our list of accepted items [here](#).

What items can I donate to the ReStore?

Proceeds from items sold in the ReStore will go directly to support our mission of producing, preserving, and protecting affordable ownership housing in Southern Santa Barbara County. We will accept a variety of usable surplus building materials, and thoughtfully curated, gently used furniture and home décor items. [Please see our list of accepted items for donation to learn more about what we can accept.](#)

If you have questions about a specific item that you don't see on our list, please reach out to us at restore@sbsbhabitat.org. Be sure to include a photo along with as much specific

information as you can share, including brand, age of the item, any visible stains or defects, and approximate retail value (if known).

How do I donate items to the ReStore?

You can drop off items during our drop-off hours, or you can schedule a pick-up (allow 1-3 weeks for an available pick-up appointment).

Do you offer a tax receipt for my donation?

Yes! Habitat Santa Barbara is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and we can provide you with a tax receipt for your accepted donations. You will be responsible for valuing the item. Items valued at or above \$5000 will require a professional evaluation, which is the responsibility of the donor.

Can I make a monetary gift to support the ReStore?

Yes! Habitat Santa Barbara is currently accepting monetary donations to help us pay for the supplies, materials, fixtures, and signs that will ensure the ReStore is a beautiful and welcoming space for our community. If you would like to learn more about making a gift to support the ReStore, including naming and recognition opportunities, please contact Susan Renehan at susan@sbhabitat.org.

Can I volunteer at the ReStore?

Yes! We will have many volunteer opportunities starting soon, including volunteers who will collect donations during donation drop-off hours and help with sorting, organizing, and pricing; construction volunteers to help us get the ReStore ready for opening; and ongoing regular volunteer shifts at the store. In the future, we'll also welcome volunteer groups to help on special project days. To learn more about volunteering at the ReStore, sign up for our volunteer newsletter or reach out to Liban Yakob at liban@sbhabitat.org.

Are you hiring paid positions to work at the ReStore?

Yes. We will be hiring a small number of professionals to run the day-to-day operations of the ReStore and work alongside our volunteers to ensure the success of the store. To learn more about available positions, please see our "Careers and Internships" page or send a resume and cover letter to Lydia Vasquez at lydia@sbhabitat.org.