



Owner Matt Freeman-Gleeson (left) at his new Ecohaus in Bellevue and (above) the low-odor, no-VOC Mythic paint line.

GREEN

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Since 1992, **ECOHAUS** (4121 First Ave. S, Seattle; 206.682.7332; 13131 NE 20th St., Bellevue; 425.952.4567; 819 SE Taylor St., Portland, OR; 503.222.3881; ecohaus.com) has been making Seattle a healthier place with a range of environmentally friendly home products. (The store was known as Environmental Home Center until a 2006 merger with Oregon's Environmental Building Supplies.) Many of these products are from local manufacturers—for example, natural-looking composite countertops made in Woodinville by Squak Mountain Stone—upping their green quotient by requiring minimal shipping. The new Bellevue location, opened in August, offers ample product samples that customers are invited to spread out and compare and a “paint bar” where they can test out Mythic Paint, a zero-VOC, ultra-low-odor paint in designer shades (\$227.99 for five gallons of semi-gloss), and other brands.

Make our landfills lighter by shopping at **EARTHWISE ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE** (3447 Fourth Ave. S, Suite E, Seattle; 206.624.4510; earthwise-salvage.com), which offers building materials and architectural features salvaged from area homes and buildings, including maple flooring rescued from a gymnasium for \$5.50 per square foot.

GREENER LIFESTYLES (5317 Ballard Ave. NW, Seattle; 206.545.4405; greenerlifestyles.com) contemporary pieces, such as upholstered furniture made from sustainable materials, from recycled polyester to hemp,

shows that you don't have to sacrifice the environment to have a beautiful home.

ONE EARTH ONE DESIGN (14300 Greenwood Ave. N, Suite A, Seattle; 206.418.8120; oneearthonedesign.com) makes green shopping easy by showcasing products in a staged rooms, from a kitchen to a working bathroom.

Nonprofit **RE STORE** (1440 NW 52nd St., Seattle; 206.297.9119; 2309 Meridian St., Bellingham; 360.647.5921; re-store.org) carries quality salvaged building and home-improvement materials for up to 50 percent

less than you'd pay for brand-new materials. The store also offers pickup, salvage and whole-building deconstruction services.

THE SALVAGE STUDIO (650 Edmonds Way, Edmonds; 425.330.5425; thesalvagestudio.com) specializes in creative home, garden and gift items made from recycled and reused remnants. Check out the Studio's frequent craft workshops on topics such as making teaball-strainer ornaments or collage paperweights.

SECOND USE BUILDING MATERIALS (7953 Second Ave. S, Seattle; 206.763.6929; seconduse.com) recovers up to 100 tons of usable building supplies every month, ranging from lumber to plumbing fixtures, to window and doors to an old pull-down school map (\$45). The store has a boutique area where you can find vintage lights, fixtures, hardware, stained glass and other furnishings that reflect the architectural history of the Northwest.

Jim Newsom, founder of **URBAN HARDWOODS** (4755-C Colorado Ave. S, Seattle; 206.766.8199; urbanhardwoods.com), uses nature as his muse when crafting high-end coffee tables, dining tables and other furnishings from salvaged trees. An example of his one-of-a-kind treasures is the curvy, almost flower-shaped Vashon Island coffee table, made of Western red cedar (\$2,400).

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