Keep valuable wood out of the waste stream!

Please consider salvaging fallen trees that are economically valuable

Remove logs from waste piles if:
- Diameter is 12 inches or more
- Straight
- Solid

Do not remove:
- Palms
- Split, broken or rotten logs

Value and use of logs also depend on their length!
- 8 feet or more: high value for timber
- 4-8 feet: high value for furniture
- Less than 4 feet: high value for artisans

How to store logs?
Keep logs in a dry place and off the ground if possible. Two separate piles based on future use are recommended:
- Timber use: trunks at least 4 feet long
- Para uso artesanal: trunks less than 4 feet long

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Which trees are economically valuable?

Most species found in Puerto Rico have economic value. Some examples are:

- Acacia (Albizia spp.)
- Almond, Almendro (Terminalia catappa)
- Bulletwood, Ausubo (Manilkara bidentata)
- Stinking toe, Algarrobo (Hymenaea courbaril)
- Mahogany, Caoba (Swietenia spp.)
- Spanish elm, Capá Prieto (Cordia alliodora)
- White cogwood, Caracolillo (Homalium racemosum)
- Spanish Cedar, Cedro hembra (Cedrela odorata)
- Eucalyptus, Eucalipto (Eucalyptus robusta)
- Four leaf buchenavia, Granadillo (Buchenavia capitata)
- American muskwood, Guaraguao (Guarea guidonia)
- Mango, Mangó (Mangifera indica)
- Cabbagebark tree, Moca (Andira inermis)
- Antilles calophylum, María (Calophyllum calaba)
- Doncella, Maricao (Brysonima spicata)
- White cedar, Roble (Tabeuia heterophylla)
- Pine, Pino (Pinus caribaea)
- Gregorywood, Úcar (Bucida buceras)

Additional uses of fallen trees and vegetative debris that provide economic benefit include:

- Compost
- Mulch
- Wood chips
- Charcoal
- Biochar