Waste Management and Recovery

A Field Guide for Residential Remodelers

How to Be Resource Efficient & Save Money
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## How to Use This Guide

This field guide provides remodelers with information on cost-effective and voluntary construction waste management.

- The **First Steps** section helps you determine the approach(es) appropriate for your business.
- The **Options** section discusses the conditions affecting the success of the various options and presents results from builders currently using the techniques.
- The **Marketing** section explains how to take credit for your efforts; and
- The **Appendices** provide supporting information.

The *Remodeler’s Field Guide* is a follow up to the *Builder’s Field Guide*, completed in January 1997. Although the *Builder’s Field Guide* was a model for this document, it was written with a **new home builder** in mind and thus does not address the unique situations confronted by the **remodeler** nor does it focus on the waste management techniques most feasible and cost effective for remodelers. The two guides differ in other important ways:

- The *Remodeler’s Field Guide* addresses the unique aspects of remodeling, including differences in waste generation and site and work characteristics;
- **Reuse** is the unique focus of the *Remodeler’s Field Guide*, as it represents more opportunities for the remodeler than waste reduction and recycling, which are emphasized in the *Builder’s Field Guide*;
- The *Remodeler’s Field Guide* addresses the handling of lead-based paint and asbestos; and
- Marketing and green building programs are included in greater detail in the *Remodeler’s Field Guide*.

The NAHB Research Center has prepared additional informational brochures in conjunction with the *Remodeler’s Field Guide* for projects which generate large quantities of a specific waste material such as **asphalt shingles** or **carpet**. In addition, many remodeling projects offer the opportunity for **deconstruction**—the systematic disassembly of buildings for material salvage. See the back cover of this guide for more information.
Developing a Waste Management and Recovery Plan

Remodelers can manage their waste, just as they do other aspects of their business. The first step is developing a waste management and recovery plan, and the table on the facing page summarizes the options presented in this guide. Because of the diversity of remodeling projects and the size and structure of remodeling firms, not every remodeler will be able to apply every option. However, this guide is designed to provide a variety of ideas and instructions from which it is hoped many remodelers will benefit.

You can develop a general waste management strategy by following the three simple steps below:

1. Know what you throw and how much it costs:

A general sense of the types and quantities of waste materials generated on your job sites and the dollars spent to dispose of these materials provides a good starting point. See pages 4 and 5 of this guide for more details.

2. Understand the conditions affecting waste management decisions:

Homeowner preferences, size and duration of projects, site conditions, local tipping fees, and availability of outlets affect waste management decisions. Keep in mind that waste management plans are somewhat site specific—a plan that works at one job site may not work as well at others.

3. Establish a plan:

Note that different options will involve working with different partners. For example, waste reduction through efficient framing may involve carpenters and possibly the architect or estimator. Building material reuse, alternately, may involve the homeowner and a building materials reuse center.

A few additional suggestions:

**EVALUATE**

Assess the job before work begins. When you measure for new materials, 1) estimate the waste you will generate so you can assess your need for containers and waste removal and can select appropriate and cost-effective waste management options (see table on page 4 for average waste generation rates), and 2) list reusables that will be removed.

**DELEGATE**

Assign responsibility for waste management to an employee who is interested in waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. Leadership, particularly on site, is key to a successful waste management program. It may also be necessary to support this with memos or announcements so that crews understand the commitment comes from the corporate level, i.e., “from the top down”.

**COMMUNICATE & EDUCATE**

Talk to your employees and subs about how they should handle waste on the job site. Just as you instruct them to keep a client’s home neat and free of debris, tell employees where waste should be placed and how it should be sorted. Persistence and consistency are key.

**INNOVATE**

Experiment with different reuse and sorting techniques and options. Encourage workers to make suggestions.

**COMPENSATE**

Reward worker efforts. If your company saves money on materials purchases or disposal expenses because of your waste management plan, reward employees with bonuses or a social event.
# Waste Management at-a-Glance

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<td><strong>Waste Reduction</strong></td>
<td><strong>Through Efficient Framing</strong></td>
<td><strong>Significant savings in framing material purchases and wood disposal costs</strong></td>
<td><strong>Can require architect, building inspector, framer involvement</strong></td>
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<td>- Design: modular dimensions, detailed framing/sheathing plans</td>
<td>- Savings on construction time</td>
<td><strong>“Cost-cutting” perception, i.e., less wood = inexpensive construction</strong></td>
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<td>- Construction: in-line framing, stud/ joist spacing &gt; 16”, header sizing, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>No guarantee of material recovery</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Waste Reduction</strong></td>
<td><strong>Through Structure of Contracts</strong></td>
<td><strong>Significant disposal savings</strong></td>
<td><strong>Risk of hazardous waste disposal liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>- Requires subcontractors to dispose of their own waste</td>
<td><strong>Promotes efficient use of materials</strong></td>
<td><strong>Requires written contract and recommended legal review</strong></td>
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<td>- Can include a cleanup policy limiting the time and location of waste on site</td>
<td><strong>Improves appearance of site (no large containers)</strong></td>
<td><strong>- No guarantee of material recovery</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Reuse</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Homeowner retains value of materials</strong></td>
<td><strong>- May require temporary storage</strong></td>
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<td>- Materials are reused in another location in the home, garage, or yard</td>
<td><strong>Contractor saves on disposal costs</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Neighbors or authorities may object to waste or traffic</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Salvage Area</strong></td>
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<td><strong>- Separate trips may be necessary to drop off reusable materials and landfill waste</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Building Material Reuse</strong></td>
<td><strong>Material Reuse Center</strong></td>
<td><strong>Donation to non-profit reuse center is tax deductible</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Material recovery done by hauler - does not promote waste reduction or recycling among waste generators</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Recycling:</strong></td>
<td><strong>Job Site Cleanup Service</strong></td>
<td><strong>Little to no remodeler involvement</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Material recovery done by hauler - does not promote waste reduction or recycling among waste generators</strong></td>
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<td>(In order of increasing remodeler involvement)</td>
<td>- Remodelers and subcontractors place all waste in designated area/container, hauler handles the rest</td>
<td><strong>Costs established up-front</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Availability: cleanup services currently uncommon</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Commingled Recovery</strong></td>
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<td>- Separation of mixed waste and recovery of recyclables done at an off-site facility. Material collected in conventional container.</td>
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<td><strong>- More containers on site</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Job Site Separation</strong></td>
<td><strong>Highly visible system</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Requires compliance of subcontractors to control contamination</strong></td>
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<td>- Remodelers and subcontractors place waste and recycled materials in separate containers</td>
<td><strong>May be available from conventional haulers</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Requirements: labor, vehicle, knowledge of recycling markets/ outlets</strong></td>
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<td><strong>- Eliminates the need for a container on site</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Self Haul</strong></td>
<td><strong>Reduces opportunity for drive-by contamination</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Material must be accurately tracked and someone must manage the system</strong></td>
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<td>- Remodeler handles, transports, and tips all materials</td>
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<td><strong>- Material must be accurately tracked and someone must manage the system</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cutting Edge/New Ideas</strong></td>
<td><strong>Inventory Management</strong></td>
<td><strong>May improve take-off estimation</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Material must be accurately tracked and someone must manage the system</strong></td>
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<td>- Leftover supplies are stored &amp; used in future projects</td>
<td><strong>Greatly reduces or eliminates product waste</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Material must be accurately tracked and someone must manage the system</strong></td>
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<td>- Computerized or written catalogue of materials</td>
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<td><strong>Take-back Policies (carpet padding, carpet, drywall, vinyl)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Individual trade/sub assumes responsibility for single waste material</strong></td>
<td><strong>- May only be available for large-volume customers</strong></td>
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<td>- Waste is returned to place of purchase or manufacture for recycling into new product</td>
<td><strong>Cuts down on separation and transportation costs</strong></td>
<td><strong>- Requires relatively high-value materials and low contamination</strong></td>
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Remodeling Waste Basics: Types, Quantities, and Costs

A Tip on Waste Generation Rates

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<th># of Projects/Year</th>
<th>Pounds/Sq. Ft.</th>
<th>Cubic Yards/Sq. Ft.</th>
<th>Percent of Recyclable Material**</th>
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<td>1,250,000</td>
<td>4-12</td>
<td>0.01-0.03</td>
<td>15-65%</td>
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<td>Kitchen</td>
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<td>4-67</td>
<td>0.02-0.06</td>
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<td>Bathroom</td>
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<td>5-70+</td>
<td>0.04-0.15</td>
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<td>Roof</td>
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<td>3-5+</td>
<td>0.01-0.02</td>
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<td>Deck</td>
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<td>3-8</td>
<td>0.01-0.02</td>
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<td>Whole House</td>
<td>na</td>
<td>7-11+</td>
<td>0.01-0.03</td>
<td>5-25%</td>
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na = not available
** Average range based on pilot remodeling projects and waste audits. Actual diversion rates will vary depending on specific wastes generated during a project.

Types and Quantities

The following generalizations can be made about residential remodeling waste:

- By both weight and volume, wood, drywall, and cardboard make up 60 to 80 percent of waste from projects involving new construction such as additions.
- Cardboard waste is increasing on most job sites as more components—e.g., windows, doors, appliances, cabinets, and siding—are shipped over long distances.
- Demolition waste is more difficult to recycle or reuse because: 1) waste may be contaminated with hazardous or non-recyclable materials such as lead paint or adhesives, 2) materials may be damaged from water or rot, or 3) readily separating waste into individual materials may not be possible.
- The largest share of new construction or remodeling waste that could be considered hazardous is generated by painting, sealing, staining, and caulking. Special remodeling hazards—lead-based paint (LBP) and asbestos-containing material (ACM)—are associated with pre-1978 structures (see Appendix B for more information). These hidden hazards may only be detected by testing.

Costs

Waste management is composed of four costs:

OVERSEEING
Oversight of waste management can be as simple as ordering a dumpster from a hauler or as extensive as running a worker training program and making multiple phone calls for each project to identify reuse or recycling outlets for waste items/materials. A waste management system that is clear and understandable to workers will be easiest to administer.

HANDLING
It takes about 2.4 hours per ton to gather and carry construction waste from a house to a dumpster/waste pile. This number, however, can vary widely based on the type of waste material, the distance from the job site to the dumpster/waste pile, and whether it is handled mechanically or manually. Note: Handling costs are often neglected when calculating total waste management costs.

TRANSPORTING
Trucking costs include ownership, operation & maintenance, and the driver’s labor. For more information on transportation costs, see the self-hauling section on page 14.

TIPPING
This is the fee charged by the facility that receives waste material. Landfills and recycling outlets may charge by volume (cubic yard) or by weight (ton). Use the conversion table on page 5 to convert from one measurement unit to the other. In many areas, clean loads of recyclables, e.g., source separated wood waste, can be tipped for less than mixed loads.

A Tip on Future Costs
Your disposal costs are largely dependent on local landfill capacities and state/federal solid waste regulations. Developing new approaches to waste management may pay off in the long run even if current conditions do not warrant a change.
Conditions Affecting Decisions

Other than waste material types and disposal costs, the following aspects of a remodeling project should be considered.

**PROJECT TYPE**

The project’s duration and sequence of tasks affect the cost and efficiency of storing, hauling, and removing waste. The phase during which most of the scrap will be generated (demolition or new construction phase) and the total amount of waste to be generated may affect how waste can be stored and sorted.

**JOB SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

The availability and location of outside open space (for containers or piles), door and window placement (for chuting or moving scrap materials), and road access (large truck or small) determine which storage and sorting activities can be used on site. The amount or type of landscaping and interior space not being remodeled (or otherwise undisturbed) may also affect where waste can be stored and sorted and how it is moved through the house and over the site.

**HOMEOWNER’S PREFERENCES**

The homeowner’s preferences regarding waste sorting and storage on site, containers versus piles of waste, and frequency of waste removal affect your choice of options. In some cases aesthetic concerns over large piles/dumpsters may overshadow the environmental benefits of material recovery. For example, neighbors’ feelings about visible waste piles or temporary storage of reusables may require more frequent pick ups or off-site sorting of wastes. However, as discussed in the Marketing section (page 15), job site signs promoting your recycling activities can be helpful with these concerns.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Local ordinances or community rules may restrict waste container placement or waste materials storage on site. Or the same rules may support recycling or reuse through recyclables drop-off locations or site pick up of reusables as part of a bulky items pick up service for community residents.

### A Tip on Volume-Weight Conversions

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<th>Waste Material</th>
<th>Volume to Weight (lbs/cubic yard)</th>
<th>Weight to Volume (cubic yards/ton)</th>
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<td>Mixed Waste</td>
<td>350</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wood</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>6.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cardboard (loose)</td>
<td>30-100</td>
<td>20-50</td>
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<td>Drywall</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>Plaster</td>
<td>1000</td>
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<td>Rubble</td>
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<td>Metal</td>
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### A Tip on Fee Structures

Haulers cover the costs of transporting and tipping by charging remodelers based on one or more of the following:
- time - a daily or monthly container rental fee;
- weight - a per ton charge;
- volume - a cubic yard or “pull” charge.

Alternately, clean-up services (described on page 12) may charge by the square footage of a project.
Waste Reduction

Efforts to reduce waste can occur during several stages of a remodeling project including design, estimation, construction, and even the structuring of contracts with specialty trades. Be prepared to implement changes with your architect, your estimator, and your construction crew(s) and subcontractors. In addition, some cases may require consultation with your local framing inspector.

Reducing Framing Waste

Waste generated during the framing stage can be reduced through value-engineered design, the efficient use of building materials during construction, and the reuse of cut-off scraps. Cost Effective Home Building by the NAHB Research Center provides detailed descriptions of framing techniques which reduce material requirements yet maintain structural integrity. The Builder's Field Guide to construction waste also provides an overview of techniques and case studies of builders — including cost savings. See the back cover and Appendix C of this guide for information about obtaining these guidebooks.

In room additions and basement/attic finishing projects, framing lumber can represent both one of the largest material expenditures and the largest component of the waste stream. You can not only reduce the amount of material required but also decrease disposal costs by keeping scrap cutoffs to a minimum through efficient design and framing. The framing waste reduction techniques listed below offer the potential for significant savings.

- **Excessive waste factors and take-off tools** — in many cases, the combination of waste factors and take-off tools results in estimates with excessive overages. As you know, material delivered to the site is normally used up regardless of the waste factor assumed in the order. In particular, historically based estimating, i.e., a “what was used last time” strategy, often results in inaccurate estimates.

- **Increased spacing of joists and studs** — this technique can reduce the amount of framing material required by 30 percent.

- **Corner details** — the stud/block/stud detail is commonly used for framing many corners. The use of two-stud/1x backer and ladder framing reduce the number of studs required to frame outside corners and intersecting walls.

- **Source separation of reusable lumber** — cutoff 2x wood waste can be used for bridging, stakes, bracing, shims, drywall nailers, and blocking where interior walls run parallel to joists or trusses. Similarly, cutoff sheathing waste can be used for drywall stops and furring. A centralized cutting area and a commitment to reuse can be successful.
- **In-line framing**—aligning framing members such as trusses, studs, and joists to bear directly over each other is the most efficient way to transfer loads from the roof to the foundation. This technique allows the use of a single top plate regardless of the spacing of the framing members.

- **Header sizes**—it is simple to value-engineer the headers over openings by following the header tables included in most codes. Headers in non-loadbearing walls can be eliminated entirely.

- **House configuration and roof design**—a house plan with overall dimensions on a two-foot module permits the optimum use of floor and wall materials. Modest changes to either the pitch of the roof or the width of the overhang can reduce the amount of material required or the amount of waste generated.

### Contract Structure

While you may frequently take responsibility for waste generated by subcontractors, an alternative approach is to require subcontractors to remove their own waste. Although such an approach does not guarantee the reuse or recycling of material, it can offer several of the benefits listed below. *Contracts and Liability* by NAHB helps remodelers manage risks and protect against liability with well-written contracts.

- **Be more cost-effective than conventional disposal.** Admittedly, some subcontractors will increase their contract price to include disposal. Nonetheless, the elimination of containers from the job site eliminates the additional costs you typically absorb as a result of drive-by contamination. Where no containers are used, labor savings results from not handling subcontractors’ waste.

- **Promote the efficient use of building materials.** Establishing a direct link between installer and disposer can reduce waste.

- **Create the opportunity for easier recycling by subcontractors.** Immediate waste removal prevents the commingling of waste and maintains a “clean” waste stream which is easier to recycle.

- **Improve the job site’s appearance.** Many clients associate a clean job site with quality and attention to detail.

### Potentially Hazardous Waste

Establishing subcontractor responsibility for waste disposal does not relieve you of all waste disposal liabilities. The liability issue is particularly important with subcontractors generating potentially hazardous waste. For more information on waste disposal statutes, including an example of contract language and a list of potentially hazardous materials, see *Appendix A*.
OPTIONS – REUSE

Key Elements of an Inventory Management System

- Commodity items ("supplies")
- Location convenient for picking up/dropping off materials
- Manageable size (minimum 250 square feet) with designated areas for specific materials
- Frequent updated inventory list: written, computerized, or both (enough information must exist in the list of materials to make visual verification of stock unnecessary)
- Responsibility for inventory control limited to one person
- Inventory list is used when ordering for new jobs

"We save approximately $1,500 in avoided disposal costs and material purchases every year."

- Jim Ellington

Reuse

A lot of the finished items that you remove during remodeling projects have not yet exhausted their useful life and could be reused either on site or through transfer to others. Reusability of items depends in part on their inherent utility and condition, but also on the care with which they are removed and handled both on the job site and in transport to end users.

Inventory Management

Many remodelers have a shed or storage area that becomes a "tomb" for leftover building materials such as half sheets of plywood or drywall and reusable items such as sinks or cabinets. An alternative to this is an inventory management system in which you catalogue, track, and access the building materials contained within an organized storage area.

Materials: Surplus items, as opposed to reusables, are the most logical materials to store in this way. Reusable items, although functional, will tend to clutter a storage area—unless you know of a use for it, it probably should not go into your standard inventory.

Management: Essential to any inventory system is accountability—having one person completely responsible for the organization and contents or having a sign-in/out system. This ensures that materials are stored, added, and removed in an orderly fashion and an accurate list of the stock is maintained.

If stock is accurately accounted for and damage is prevented through orderly storage, the inventory list can be used when ordering materials for new projects and your inventory becomes a resource instead of a liability.

Profile: Inventory Management

Remodeler: Jim Ellington, Ellington Woodworks
Location: Raleigh, North Carolina
Projects: Residential remodeling of all types
Approach:
- 240 square foot shed is used for storing construction materials
- Lumber, trim, shingles, paint, and insulation are cataloged in a spreadsheet
- Metal trim is reused or delivered to local recycling facility
- Spreadsheet regularly updated, and used when material orders are prepared for every job

Inventory: Approximately $2,000 value

Ellington Woodworks' inventory shed
Building Materials Reuse Centers

Reuse centers accept and then resell used salvaged materials and misordered or slightly damaged new materials. Materials come from building material retailers, local manufacturing or shipping operations, remodelers, do-it-yourselfers, and new home builders. In addition to reducing disposal costs, donations to non-profit reuse centers are tax-deductible and may enhance a company's image as a good neighbor. For-profit reuse centers may pay reduced prices for items. Reliability and timeliness of donation pick-up, for centers that offer this service, will affect the success and feasibility of this option in a waste management program.

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<tr>
<th>Profile</th>
<th>Building Materials Reuse Center</th>
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<tr>
<td>Reuse Center</td>
<td>Habitat for Humanity ReUse Center (non-profit 501(c)(3))</td>
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<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Raleigh, North Carolina</td>
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</table>
| Approach | * retail of used & overstocked building materials including doors, windows, cabinets, appliances, plumbing & lighting fixtures, miscellaneous building supplies, & lumber  
* pick-up service offered within 12 mile radius of retail store  
* deconstruction services: salvages old building materials for resale, including disassembly of entire house |
| Results | * 550 tons diverted from disposal in 1996  
* The ReUse Center provides donors with a tax-deduction and can maintain a list of donations made by contractors |

"Free Tree"

Some reusable materials may be of interest to others if they are available at no cost. Establishing a regular location where leftover, salvaged building materials, or finished products can be placed for individuals to take free-of-charge can be an effective way to reduce disposal. A desirable location would have adequate drive-by traffic, easy access and visibility, minimal liability risks, and neighbor acceptance.

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<th>Profile</th>
<th>Reuse via a &quot;Free Tree&quot;</th>
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<tr>
<td>Remodeler</td>
<td>Dave Dewey, Crystal Home Improvements</td>
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<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Vernon, Connecticut</td>
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<tr>
<td>Projects</td>
<td>Window &amp; door replacements, siding, and 3-season patio additions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Local Tip Fee</td>
<td>$65.00 per ton</td>
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| Approach | * places waste doors and windows next to tree at end of his driveway and taken free-of-charge by individuals  
* saves aluminum storm screens & windows for recycling  
* saves and recycles cardboard |
| Diversion Rate | * Approximately 80-90% (including 100% of windows and doors) |
| Savings | * Approximately $1000 per year (in avoided disposal costs) |

"In addition to securing window jobs from customers of the free tree, everything disappears... no matter the condition it's in."

- Dave Dewey
Scrap House Construction

Building part or all of a new home, addition, or other structure from scraps is possible given the unending variety of materials generated by remodeling and construction activities. “Scrap house” construction, as described below, can help make housing affordable, but does not mean quality has to suffer. For example, remodeling “waste” may include items such as solid wood kitchen cabinets, like-new bath fixtures, or double-paned windows. Leftover lumber can be manufactured into studs, beams, or joists. “Waste” materials can be used in construction training programs or in youth-oriented community programs such as building a Boy Scout club house.

“It always bothered me, seeing the amount of good building material that we discarded. This type of project allows use of almost everything.”

- Danny Lipford

Profile: Scrap House

Remodeler: Danny Lipford, Lipford Construction
Location: Mobile, Alabama
Approach: • Reusable construction materials are salvaged from remodeling projects and stored in a 1,750 square foot warehouse
• Wood floor system, wall studs, and ceiling joists & rafters are built from pieces of 2x6 and 2x4 lumber
• Laborers build studs from scraps (2x4s doubled into 4x4s) as training; employees and subcontractors work on scrap house for fill-in work

Results: • Approximately 60-70% of house consisted of salvaged material, including: cabinets, windows, doors, siding, fascia, soffits, plumbing and electrical fixtures, shelves, carpet, drywall and appliances
• Home appraised at $16,000 above total building expenses; house is currently a rental unit
• Danny Lipford has built three scrap houses since 1989.

On-Site Reuse

Many kitchen and bathroom remodels generate finished building products such as cabinets, sinks, and plumbing and lighting fixtures that are reusable on-site. The homeowner may be able to use these items in another area of the home. As examples, reinstalling cabinets in a garage or basement can create new storage or hobby areas, plumbing and lighting fixtures can be used in utility areas or unfinished spaces, and bricks can be used as landscaping material.
Rental Units

Landlords faced with regular repair and maintenance of rental properties may be interested in low-cost sources of items such as paint, carpet, plumbing fixtures, appliances, doors, and locks or knobs. Establishing a relationship with an individual landlord or property management firm can provide a regular or volume outlet for reusable items and, in the process, reduce disposal costs.

Landfill Salvage

Landfills can be an effective location for salvage and diversion programs because waste and recovery becomes a "one-stop" operation. Whether drop-off areas for recoverable material are located near the scales - at a reduced tip fee - or on the landfill face as described below, landfills can do double duty for remodelers and their haulers.

<table>
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<th>Profile: Landfill Reuse &amp; Salvage Program</th>
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<tr>
<td>Landfill: Orange Regional Landfill</td>
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<tr>
<td>Location: Orange County, North Carolina</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tipping Fees: $38 per ton</td>
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<tr>
<td>Approach:</td>
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<tr>
<td>* Working near the face of the C&amp;D landfill, a one person operation salvages reusable and recyclable materials for donation and resale.</td>
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<tr>
<td>* Equipped with a pick-up truck and a skid-steer loader (with grapple attachment, bucket loader and forks), the operator takes household items to a storage trailer and places building materials that do not need weather protection in a working yard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Salvaged materials are either donated to non-profit organizations and schools, or resold to repeat customers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* Reusable materials are donated to non-profit agencies, including Habitat For Humanity of Wake County ReUse Center, Vietnam Veterans, PTA Thrift Stores of Carrboro Chapel Hill Schools, school drama/shop classes, SEEDS (an urban gardening program in Durham), the People's Channel (local public television station), and the Salvation Army.</td>
</tr>
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Results:

| * Diverting 50 tons per month from landfill, including mixed metals, reusables (fixtures, furniture and lumber), and pallets; |
| * Generating $8,800 in first 8 months of program through sales of salvaged material (despite the revenues, building material sales open to the general public were labor-intensive and costly to advertise); |
| * High level of cooperation from small local contractors, i.e., separation of materials prior to tipping at landfill face; |
| * Each truck load of materials picked-up by the Habitat ReUse Center generates approximately $500-1000 in store retail income. |

Reusable items such as sinks, windows, doors, and fixtures can be recovered in landfill salvage programs such as those at the Orange Regional Landfill.
Options - Recycling

Recycling

The cost-effectiveness of recycling will depend on the market value for waste materials, local tipping fees, and how numerous and convenient recycling outlets are for you or your hauler. For materials with strong markets, such as aluminum, recyclers will pay a premium. However, for materials with weaker markets a tip fee may be charged, although it is usually lower than that charged for mixed remodeling waste.

For information on local recycling opportunities, contact your city or county Recycling Coordinator for a list of outlets or ask your local home builder association or building industry association for assistance. A list of state-level government contacts and other resources is contained in Appendix C.

Job Site Clean-Up Service

Under this system, your crews and subcontractors move waste to the area or container set up by the hauler. The hauler designates an area or places a container and then separates, transports, and tips the material. Fee structures are often based on the square footage of the project, making waste management costs easy to predict. Clean up services take advantage of the natural separation of wastes, i.e., wood, drywall, and siding are generated during discrete stages of construction.

Profile: Construction Waste Management

Hauler: Construction Waste Management
Location: Woodinville, WA
Approach:
- waste removal designed with client on site-by-site basis
- use of small trucks and containers, enabling placement of bins close to the work areas
- visits multiple lots collecting a specific material from each site, returning for other materials
- coordinates service schedule with the construction schedule to improve recovery rate
- hand-loading and general site cleaning also available
- recovers wood, drywall, metal, cardboard, asphalt and concrete rubble, and land-clearing debris

Diversion Rate: 50 - 90%
Savings: Based on the reduced tipping fees, ranging from $15-80/ton. In addition, pay-back from metal and cardboard given directly to builder.
Commingled recovery

Commingled processing facilities accept mixed waste and recover materials such as wood, metals, or cardboard mechanically and/or manually from the waste stream. This method of recovery is appealing to many remodelers because the daily job site practice doesn’t change - your crews and subcontractors gather all the waste as you normally would for landfill disposal. One disadvantage to commingled recovery is that the value of reusable items will decrease, i.e., reusables will likely be damaged in mixed loads.

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<th>Profile:</th>
<th>Commingled Waste Recovery</th>
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<tr>
<td>Processor:</td>
<td>ROE Refuse/Roll-Off Express</td>
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<tr>
<td>Location:</td>
<td>Finksburg, Maryland</td>
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<tr>
<td>Type of Operation:</td>
<td>permitted construction and demolition waste processor; construction waste hauler</td>
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<tr>
<td>Local Tip Fees:</td>
<td>$30 - 45 per ton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Approach:</td>
<td>* remodelers and builders pay a standard container/pull charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>* equipment spreads waste out on sorting floor and workers hand-pick recyclables</td>
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<td>* cardboard is separated and baled in a vertical baler</td>
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<td>* clean wood is separated and chipped on site and sold for landscaping uses</td>
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<td></td>
<td>* aluminum, copper, and ferrous metals are separated for recycling; aluminum is baled on site</td>
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<td></td>
<td>* reusable items are selectively separated depending on need</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diversion Rate:</td>
<td>70% percent by volume</td>
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Roll-Off Express recovery facility in Finksburg, Maryland

Job site separation

Under this option, remodelers take responsibility for separating wastes and scheduling waste removal. Waste management firms transport and tip the material. Although the fee structures are often the same as for disposal, savings can be achieved from lower tip fees for separated materials. Ultimately the success of a job site separation program depends on your commitment level and that of your subcontractors and haulers.

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<tr>
<th>Profile:</th>
<th>Job Site Separation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Remodeler:</td>
<td>Greg Isenhour, IE, Inc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Location:</td>
<td>Chapel Hill, NC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Projects:</td>
<td>Custom homes and major remodels/additions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Approach:</td>
<td>* wood, metal and cardboard are source-separated by subcontractors, and tipped in designated areas at landfill</td>
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<td></td>
<td>* drywall is removed by drywall subcontractor for $1 per sheet, for example, removal for a 100 sheet job = $100</td>
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<td></td>
<td>* sorted and mixed wastes are self-hauled to the county landfill in dumptruck</td>
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“In addition to improving safety, clean and organized job sites are a part of my everyday marketing effort.”

- Greg Isenhour, IE, Inc.
Self Haul

As a self-hauler, you eliminate the middleman and gain first-hand knowledge of how efficiently materials are used. Among the information you will need to acquire are outlets' policies and locations, and your own vehicle and personnel costs. This practice requires the most commitment from you and your crew in terms of time, effort, and information gathering—you will oversee all phases of waste management: separation, management of containers, identification of outlets, loading and transport, and tipping. Self hauling works best when it becomes an integral part of the construction process.

Take-Back Programs

The most efficient way to handle the recovery of some waste building materials may be for the supplier/distributor or even the manufacturer to take back clean, separated waste. This program is usually only available to large generators of waste and may be offered and promoted as a customer service. The key to the take-back approach is to back-haul waste/scrap in vehicles that are empty after new materials have been delivered, effectively eliminating transportation costs. Take-back programs may work for materials such as cardboard, carpet, drywall, or vinyl siding—contact your supplier or manufacturer to identify any take-back services. The carpet-recycling brochure cited on the back page lists a number of take-back references for carpet waste.

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<th>Profile: Residential Carpet Profile</th>
<th>Take-Back Program</th>
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<td>Company: DuPont Flooring Partnership for Carpet Reclamation</td>
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| Approach: *commercial carpet (tile and broadloom) is collected in Phases across the U.S. and shipped to central processing facility in Thomasville, Georgia.  
*customers pay for removal (as with regular waste) front-hauling  
*carpet is sorted by fiber type in recycled texture products. |                      |
| Diversion: Over 10 million pounds in 1997 |
Remodeler Marketing

A major benefit of improving your management of construction waste is the opportunity it presents for marketing your company as resource-efficient. Ways to do so include:

Referrals

Since word-of-mouth is a key way in which you acquire new business, it is worthwhile to inform clients of your environmental activities so that they are able to tell friends and neighbors about this aspect of your service. Providing clients with a list of reuse and recycling options that can be used on their project helps keep them informed, involved, and motivated about your activities.

Job Site Signs

Site signs which display your company logo can include language such as “This remodeler recycles,” “I minimize waste,” or “Habitat for Humanity Reuse Center benefits from this project”, to let the client and community know about your waste management program. Some remodelers have shared the cost of site signs with their waste hauler/recycler in an effort to jointly promote the two companies.

HBA Outreach

Your local home builder or remodeler association can serve as the focal point for compiling information resources, identifying outlets, bringing together related businesses to discuss waste management options, and getting the word out on builder and remodeler waste management practices.

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<th>Profile: HBA Outreach</th>
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<td><strong>Project:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Project Partnership:</strong> Greater Toronto HBA, Design Team Plus (the remodeling firm), and the Mulocks (client home owner)</td>
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<td><strong>Approach:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>• Event: Saturday morning community site sale, proceeds donated to Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Pre-Event Publicity: an area wide press release, one radio interview, ads in 2 Toronto newspapers, neighborhood signs, and a house banner</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Salvaged &amp; Sold Materials: 2.5 tons (windows, doors, cabinets, fixtures, shutters) NOT sent to the landfill</td>
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<td>• Post-Event Exposure: Event covered in more than 25 newspapers and magazines in the US and Canada</td>
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The Greater Toronto HBA's "House Strip"
Green Builder/Remodeler Programs

Across the US, there are a growing number of programs to help formalize ‘green’ or resource-efficient building efforts. These programs integrate waste management, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, and building materials selection into a certification and marketing program for resource-efficient builders or remodelers. Member builders and remodelers are taking advantage of their local green programs to market the following values to their clients:

- increased comfort
- reduced operating costs
- reduced maintenance
- greater resale value
- improved air quality – indoors and out

There are currently three local programs that have modified their green builder programs to include or feature remodelers.

HBA of Central New Mexico’s Remodeling Green Star Program – Remodeling projects qualify on a point system as One Star (20 points) through Four Star (50 points). Content areas include Solid Waste – Reduction, Reuse, & Recycling; Water Conservation; Materials – Conservation and Content; and Energy Conservation. Checklist items modified for remodelers include: interior dust control, improving existing air-sealing and insulation levels, use of salvage building materials, installing water heater blanket/wrap. www.hbacnm.com

Kitsap County (WA) HBA’s Build a Better Kitsap REMODELER Program – Based on a 3-star rating system, the Kitsap program has one set of point requirements for “small” remodel projects—less than 500 square feet OR a kitchen/bath/basement finish OR no major changes required to: mechanical, electrical, water/sewer system. Only large—greater than 500 square feet—remodel projects can qualify for a three-star level rating. Program orientation for the remodeler and education kits for the homeowner are both requirements for any green remodeling project. www.KitsapHBA.com

City of Boulder (CO) Green Points Remodeling Program – In Boulder, any remodeling project over 500 square feet must meet the Green Points Guidelines of the Resource Conservation Ordinance. The voluntary Remodeling program has two parts: green points guidelines for “small” remodeling projects in a polished homeowner education booklet “Building a Healthy Future” and a training/education program that certifies green remodelers rather than their individual projects. http://environmentalaffairs.ci.boulder.co.us/residential/gp_rm_options.html
Appendix A
GUIDELINES FOR REQUIRING SUBCONTRACTORS TO REMOVE WASTE

This appendix summarizes some of the key issues in requiring subcontractors to remove their own waste (in particular potentially hazardous waste). Contractors should be aware that the complexity of federal environmental statutes makes it difficult for a contractor to shift potential liability for "hazardous" waste materials generated on their job sites. However, steps can be taken to provide a contractor with protection against charges of violating local and/or state solid waste regulations.


The largest sources of residential construction materials that could be considered hazardous under state and federal statutes are waste solvents, paints and coatings, and adhesives. Examples of potentially hazardous materials include (but are not limited to):

- adhesives
- sealers
- paint stripper
- asphalt
- paint/lacquer
- resins/epoxies
- waterproofing agents

Projects including demolition could involve other hazardous materials including:

- lead paint
- asbestos

Options

Given the remodeler's exposure under federal law (outlined below), it is prudent to require subcontractor documentation of disposal methods for hazardous wastes or for the general contractor to oversee the waste disposal to ensure that such disposal is lawful. Other options include the following:

- Seek written contractual arrangements with subcontractors likely to generate hazardous waste materials, for example:

  *(The subcontractor shall at all times keep the building and the premises broom clean of debris and any other waste materials generated from the performance of this contract. The subcontractor is responsible for the removal from the site and proper disposal of all the debris created by its work.)*

- Strictly manage a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) reporting system to help identify potentially hazardous substances.

- Encourage or require subcontractors to employ less toxic substitute materials as a way of reducing both parties' potential liability for hazardous waste material.

- Identify conditions affecting contractor liabilities. In some cases, the "generator" of the waste may be the property owner and not the contractor. Builders hired to construct new homes on owners' or developers' sites should be aware of contract provisions that may expose them to increased liability.

Applicable Solid and Hazardous Waste Regulations

Two federal programs affect home builders and remodelers by regulating the treatment and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. They are described as follows:

1) The Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) governs present and future activities that generate solid wastes (including hazardous wastes). Under RCRA, generators are responsible for determining if their wastes are hazardous; in most cases, the builder would be considered the generator. A generator is considered "conditionally exempt" if less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste is generated in one calendar month and less than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste is stored on site. Based on waste assessments conducted by the Research Center in 1994, most builders could be categorized as conditionally exempt small quantity generators (CESQG) under RCRA depending on the amount and type of hazardous waste they generate.

However, a new federal rule passed in July 1996 (effective 1998) requires construction and demolition (C & D) landfills either to stop accepting loads containing CESQG waste or to meet new location and ground water monitoring requirements. Builders using landfills no longer able to accept CESQG waste, will be required to separately dispose of CESQG waste in an approved municipal solid waste landfill. Builders using landfills that have upgraded to continue accepting CESQG waste will almost certainly face higher tipping fees.

2) The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, also known as Superfund), is designed as a cleanup or response program to deal with already existing hazardous waste sites. Under CERCLA, a contractor could be liable at a later date as a "generator" or "transporter" of any amount of potentially hazardous substance found at a Superfund site, whether defined as a product or a waste.

Two NAHB publications offer additional information: *The Regulation of Solid and Hazardous Wastes: A Builder's Guide,* and *Contracts and Liabilities for Builders and Remodelers.* Both are available from NAHB by contacting the Home Builder Bookstore at (800) 223-2665.
Appendix B

LEAD AND ASBESTOS HANDLING

Two potentially hazardous materials sometimes encountered in repair and remodeling projects are asbestos and lead. The primary risk of lead exposure is from lead-based paint, whereas exposure to asbestos may come from numerous products including insulation, siding and roofing products, or flooring materials. Note: This appendix is meant to introduce the reader to the basic hazards of lead and asbestos and to encourage the reader to pursue further guidance. This appendix is not designed to be a definitive technical resource.

LEAD

In 1978, lead-based paint (LBP) was banned from use in housing by the federal government, but any homes built prior to that may contain LBP. LBP was used in both interior and exterior applications. Lead dust is released when lead-based paint is dry scraped, dry sanded, or heated. If paint is chipping, peeling, chalking, or cracking, there is a greater potential for release of lead dust. The best thing to do as a remodeler is obtain a copy of the following:

What Remodelers Need to Know and Do About Lead—A Guide for Residential and Commercial Remodelers and Painters by NAHB’s Energy and Home Environment Department and the RemodelersTM Council, 3rd Ed., January, 1995. This is the best resource for residential remodelers because it covers ALL of the topics a remodeler needs to consider:

- regulations and liability
- worker protection
- activity-specific recommendations
- remodeler client information
- occupant protection
- permanent abatement
- lead detection
- waste disposal
- historic houses

NAHB staff will publish the updated 4th edition of this publication by summer, 1999, to reflect new rules and heightened OSHA involvement on residential remodeling projects.

ASBESTOS

Asbestos is the name applied to a group of six different minerals that occur naturally in the environment and are made up of long, thin fibers that are somewhat similar to fiberglass. Asbestos has fire-retardant properties, but also has been shown to present significant health risks with prolonged exposure. Asbestos can be dangerous to people when " friable "—meaning that the material can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure—and airborne. Chronic (long-term) exposure to asbestos via inhalation can result in a lung disease termed asbestosis characterized by shortness of breath and cough, lung cancer, and possibly gastrointestinal cancers.

The main uses of asbestos in building materials included insulation, asbestos-cement products, roofing, siding, flooring, and mastics and compounds. Friable products include sprayed- or troweled-on materials and insulation on pipes, boilers, tanks, ducts, and other equipment. Asphalt roofing shingles, siding, and vinyl/asphalt floor tiles are typically non-friable unless cut, drilled, sanded, or broken during repair or remodeling activities.

Handling and Disposal

For technical information on rules regarding worker exposure to lead and asbestos, contact the Occupational Safety and Health Administration—look in the Blue Pages of your telephone directory under U.S. Government, Dept. of Labor, OSHA. For information on local disposal guidelines, call your local solid waste management authority or state solid waste agency (see Appendix C) for disposal requirements and a list of landfills that accept lead or asbestos wastes.

Information Resources:

- The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) offers a training program on safe practices for repair and remodeling in a home that may contain lead-based paint. Call (703) 575-1100.
- The National Safety Council operates the National Lead Information Center/Clearinghouse which provides the general public and professionals with information about lead poisoning and its prevention. Call (800) LEAD-FYI or visit the on-line site at http://www.nsc.org/ehc/lead.htm.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency operates the Asbestos Hotline, which answers questions related to asbestos, and distributes EPA documents. Call (202) 554-1404. On-line asbestos information is available at: http://www.epa.gov/region04/air/asbestos/asbestos.htm.
- The NAHB Research Center operates the HomeBase Hotline which offers technical information about new home building and residential remodeling. The HomeBase Hotline can also answer questions about lead-based paint and asbestos. Call (800) 638-8556.

Publications:

## Appendix C

### NATIONAL AND STATE INFORMATION SOURCES

#### RESOURCES

**Cost-Effective Home Building**  
NAHB Research Center, Inc.  
400 Prince George's Boulevard  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774  
(800) 638-8556  
**NOTE:** A handbook compiling material-saving methods of efficient design and construction.

**Resources for Environmental Design Index (REDI)**  
Iris Communications, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5920  
Eugene, OR 97405-0911  
(800) 638-8556  
**NOTE:** The REDI Guide, the Harris Directory, and GREBE all provide useful information for specifying or procuring resource-efficient building materials. For example, information on the recycled-content of building materials can be found in these guides.

**Environmental Building News (EBN)**  
RR1 Box 161  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
(802) 257-7300  
**NOTE:** EBN is a bi-monthly newsletter on environmentally sustainable design and construction.

**Environmental Resource Guide (ERG)**  
American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 626-7331  
**NOTE:** The ERG compiles information about the environmental aspects of building materials including life-cycle analyses and application profiles.

**WasteSpec**  
Triangle J Council of Governments  
P.O. Box 12276  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
(919) 549-0551  
**NOTE:** Provides model specifications for construction waste reduction, reuse and recycling - particularly useful in commercial construction.

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

**The Carpet and Rug Institute**  
(706) 278-3176  
FAX: (706) 278-8835  
R. Carroll Turner  
www.carpet-rug.com

**Carpet Cushion Council**  
(203) 637-1312  
Bill Oler  
www.carpetcushion.org

**National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA)**  
R. Carroll Turner  
FAX: (706) 278-8835  
Bill Turley  
turley@xsite.net

**Construction Materials Recycling Association (CMRA)**  
(650) 548-4510  
FAX: (630)548-4511  
Bill Turley  
etal: turley@xsite.net

**Used Building Materials Association (UBMA)**  
(204) 947-0848  
http://ubma.pangea.ca

**American Institute of Architects**  
1735 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
(202) 549-0551  
**NOTE:** Provides model specifications for construction waste reduction, reuse and recycling - particularly useful in commercial construction.

**DELAWARE**  
Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control  
Solid Waste Management Branch  
P.O. Box 1401  
Dover, DE 19903  
(302) 739-3820

**FLORIDA**  
Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Solid Waste Section  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400  
Kathy Anderson  
(850) 488-0300

**GEORGIA**  
Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources  
Land Protection Branch  
Commercial & Industrial Solid Waste Unit  
4244 International Parkway, Suite 104  
Atlanta, GA 30354  
(404) 362-2696  
Fax: (404) 362-2693

**HAWAII**  
State of Hawaii, Dept. of Health  
Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch  
919 Ala Moana Boulevard, 3rd Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96814  
(808) 586-4245  
Fax: (808) 586-7509

**IDAHO**  
Dept. of Health & Welfare  
Division of Environmental Quality  
1410 N. Hilton  
Boise, ID 83706  
(208) 373-0502  
Fax: (208) 373-0417

**ILLINOIS**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Solid Waste Management  
200 Churchill Road  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794  
(217) 524-3300  
Fax: (217) 524-3291

**COLORADO**  
Colorado Dept. of Health & Environment  
HMWD-B2  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive, South  
Denver, CO 80222-1530  
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Other waste management publications offered by the NAHB Research Center:

Residential Construction Waste Management: A Builder’s Field Guide
Written for new home builders, the 30-page field guide presents several methods that builders can use for construction waste management, and provides real case studies to support the recommended actions. The field guide is based on numerous waste assessments, workshops, and pilot projects involving builders and waste haulers. Included in the pilot project profiles are framing waste reduction exercises, jobsite recycling strategies, and marketing strategies from several regions of the United States.

From Roofs to Roads... Recycling Asphalt Roofing Shingles into Paving Materials
Written for waste generators, processors, and regulators, the brochure characterizes the waste stream, presents benefits of recycling, lists potential end uses for recycled shingles, summarizes the issues which face recyclers, and lists resources and equipment manufacturers. Two profiles of recyclers are included.

Carpet & Padding: Reuse and Recycling Opportunities
Also written for waste generators, processors, and regulators, the brochure characterizes the waste stream, the recycling process, benefits of recycling, issues which recyclers face, and current industry programs. A summary table compares the characteristics of padding and carpet waste as they relate to recycling.

Deconstruction: Building Disassembly and Material Salvage
Written for building property managers and practitioners, the brochure explains the benefits of deconstruction, favorable building characteristics, planning steps, and references. A case study and a cost comparison to demolition are also included. A comprehensive report on deconstruction is available from the Research Center or on the Internet at www.smartergrowth.org.

How to Clean-Up in the Construction Waste Business
Written for entrepreneurs or existing waste hauling businesses interested in modifying their current service, the brochure explains how a clean-up service operates, why builders are interested, the required equipment and personnel, and lists other helpful resources.

On-Site Grinding of Residential Construction Debris: The Indiana Grinder Pilot
A recently completed pilot project in Indianapolis, Indiana, determined that grinding and reusing the wood, drywall and cardboard components of the waste stream can save builders money. Written for new home builders, the 35-page report describes servicing construction sites with a mobile grinder and reusing the processed material on-site as erosion control and as a soil amendment.

Residential Construction Waste Management: A Coordinator’s Guide To Conducting Workshops At the Local Level
Written for Home Builder Associations, the guide outlines all the key steps required to host a construction waste management workshop in your community. The guide includes: individual modules on waste reduction, waste recycling and developing a directory of outlets; and a floppy disk containing sample agendas, handouts, invitation lists and mailings.

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