

Buy Recycled. Choose building materials made from the items we recycle. Buying products made from recyclables creates a demand for the things we recycle at home and work.

Buy Products Made From Recycled Materials

When you shop for building supplies, look for these recycling symbols. They indicate the item is made from recycled material.



Key words to look for when shopping for products made with recyclables:

Recovered
Reutilized

Reprocessed
Reused

Recycled Fibers
Remanufactured

Pre-consumer
Post-consumer

More clues to finding recycled products

Post-consumer – Term used to designate materials, recycled by consumers, used to make new products.

Pre-consumer – Term used to designate materials, left over from a manufacturing process, used to make new products.

Examples of building products made with recycled content

- **Glass** – Floor and wall tiles, countertops and decorative surfaces can be made from recycled container glass. Porcelain (old sinks, tubs and toilets) can be recycled into a terrazzo product suitable for countertop, wall tile and flooring applications. Both crushed glass and porcelain can be used as aggregate in traditional terrazzo flooring and landscaping materials.
- **Metal** – Steel products contain at least 25% recycled steel; some contain up to 100% recycled steel. Aluminum products, such as siding, door and window frames, generally contain recycled metal.
- **Paper** – Plasterboard is made with recycled paper on the outside. Shingles often have a layer of recycled paper sandwiched between layers of other material. Brown or gray packaging materials generally contain recycled paper.
- **Plastic** – Building materials made from recycled plastic, PETE #1 and HDPE #2, include lumber, door and window frames, outdoor furniture, flooring, and carpet.
- **Rubber** – Recycled rubber tires can be remade into doormats, floor tiles, landscape materials, patio blocks, tree rings and flooring and playground surfacing. The shock-absorbing quality of rubber makes it an ideal choice for flooring applications.

A large and growing number of building products made from recycled materials are available. These include countertops, plastic composite lumber, ceiling tiles, roofing materials, landscaping material, wallboard and floor tile. More new products are constantly in the development stage.

You support recycling by purchasing products with post-consumer recycled content. This simple, but important, action creates a demand for products made from materials **you** recycle and decreases the need to harvest or mine raw materials. In Minnesota, products and packaging labeled as “recycled” must identify the minimum percentage of post-consumer content they contain.

Online Information:

www.livinggreen.org
www.nextstep.state.mn.us
www.naturalhomemagazine.com
www.reduce.org
www.edcmag.com

Business	Accept	Sell
ReUse OnSite Sales612-221-9428 Buy directly from job sites: full kitchens, appliances, hardwood flooring, windows, doors, lumber (trim, etc.)		✓
Siwek Lumber and Millwork Inc612-781-3333 2536 Marshall St, Minneapolis Sell used doors, windows, building materials and miscellaneous hardware goods.		✓
Twin Cities FREEMarketSM A free Web-based materials exchange program that connects free, reusable items with people who want them. www.twincitiesfreemarket.org		
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity ReStore612-588-3820 501 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis Quality windows, exterior and interior doors, carpet, ceramic tile, laminate, wood and vinyl flooring, cabinets, vanities, assorted hardware products, toilets and sinks. www.tchabitat.org	✓	✓
Waldon Woods Antiques763-682-5667 3612 State Hwy 55 SE, Buffalo Specialize in stained glass windows, antique bars and furniture and architectural items; also rent.	reusable donations; call first	✓

Dispose Properly. Handling waste materials properly helps keeps our environment clean.

Construction and Building Materials Disposal Options

When your project is done, you may have waste and unusable building materials, packaging and rubble from the construction, remodeling, or repair of buildings and sidewalks. If the materials are not usable, contact your garbage hauler for arrangements, or use the following options when your garbage hauler will not collect this material from your home. Call for hours, fees and a list of acceptable materials.

Elk River Landfill 22460 Hwy 169 NW, Elk River 763-441-2464

Maple Grove Transfer Station/WMI 10633 89th Ave N, Maple Grove..... 763-425-3736

Veit Disposal Systems

1025 33rd Ave SE, Minneapolis 612-623-0773

1305 Pierce Butler Rd, St Paul..... 763-422-3867

Vonco II 15000 140th Ave SE, Becker 763-428-2242

Waste Management/Re-Cy-Co Transfer Station 1691 91st Ave NE, Blaine 763-784-4772

Save Resources! Save Money! Reduce Waste!

Practice Green Building Techniques

- Save money on purchases and disposal costs.
- Buy durable, superior-quality older materials for less than new.
- Buy recycled building materials.
- Properly dispose of unwanted building materials.



Building green means making choices about building or remodeling projects that reduce waste, conserve natural resources and create demand for recycled products.

Reuse Materials. Purchasing materials that have been removed from other buildings allows you to use high quality materials at prices substantially lower than new. It also keeps usable materials out of landfills.

Building Material Reuse

Many home improvement items are available. The following businesses sell used building materials, including banisters, beams, buffets, cabinets, carpet, columns, doors (garage and home), fireplace mantels, lighting fixtures, plumbing supplies, hardware, windows (stained glass as well as clear), and wood flooring. Inventories vary. Call ahead if you are looking for something specific.

After a building or remodeling project, you may have leftover building material. Consider making usable materials or house fixtures available for others to use. It may be just what someone else is looking for.

Business	Accept	Sell
All State Salvage651-332-8344 Older architectural items, staircases, plumbing, electrical, stained and leaded glass, moldings, fixtures, furniture, windows, interior and exterior doors and toilets; commercial and residential.	✓	✓
Architectural Antiques612-332-8344 1330 Quincy St NE, Minneapolis Restoration or salvage, commercial and residential.	✓	✓
Bauer Brothers Salvage612-521-9492 2532 2 nd Ave N, Minneapolis General building materials.	✓	✓
Better Homes & Garbage612-644-9412 Minneapolis Salvage and sell reusable building materials; sell by appointment only <i>www.bhandgarbage.com</i>	✓	✓
City Salvage Antiques612-627-9107 505 1 st Ave NE, Minneapolis Buy and sell high quality architectural antiques <i>www.citysalvage.com</i>		✓
DeConstruction Services612-728-9388 When remodeling or demolishing, deconstruct to keep materials out of the landfill. The Green Institute provides removal service of usable house fixtures and building materials from cabinet removal to full house dismantling. Customers may receive a tax deduction benefit for donating reusable house fixtures or building materials. Allow extra time at the beginning of your construction process. <i>www.thereusecenter.com</i>	dismantling services within a 30-mile radius	
Guided Salvage Antiques612-789-1680 4430 Lyndale Ave N, Minneapolis Pre-1940s architectural items, lighting and hardware; mostly residential. Also buy and rent. <i>www.guildedsalvage.com</i>		✓
Northwest Architectural Salvage651-644-9270 981 Selby Ave, St Paul Buy and sell architectural items, lighting, house hardware, shades, bathroom fixtures and doors.	call first	✓
ReUse Center Retail Store, The651-379-1280 1723 E Hwy 36, Maplewood Usable building, carpentry, electrical and quality reclaimed construction materials. <i>www.thereusecenter.com</i>	✓	✓
2801 21 st Ave S, Minneapolis.....612-724-2608	✓	✓