



A GUIDE FOR HOMEOWNERS

Salvaging, reusing, and recycling building materials

Many building materials have the potential to be salvaged and reused or recycled. In fact, about 85 percent of the materials in a typical demolition project could be salvaged and kept out of landfills. But currently, only about 30 percent of building materials are reused or recycled.

Construction and demolition (C&D) projects can also reveal hazardous materials, such as items that contain mercury or lead like fluorescent light bulbs or batteries.

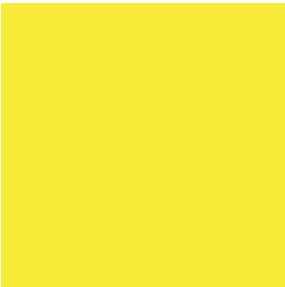
This guide provides information to help homeowners consider options to reduce waste and properly manage hazardous waste during remodeling, construction, and demolition projects.

Consider deconstruction

Deconstruction can divert up to 90 percent of building materials for reuse and recycling. Deconstruction is the process of carefully dismantling building structures to salvage building materials for reuse. This approach has several environmental and social benefits compared to demolition.

In a deconstruction project, a building is taken apart, mostly by hand, and materials are sorted into categories for efficient recycling and reuse. Deconstruction prevents usable materials from going to the landfill, makes used building materials available to the community, provides additional jobs, and supports local reuse retailers.

It is important to plan ahead when considering deconstruction because the project will likely take longer to complete and could have increased labor costs. Homeowners and developers in Hennepin County may be eligible for funding for their deconstruction project. Visit hennepin.us/deconstruction or contact demo@hennepin.us to find out more about deconstruction.





Salvage reusable materials

Many building materials can be salvaged for reuse. Reuse is environmentally preferred over recycling or trash disposal because it avoids energy use and costs associated with manufacturing new products and diverts materials from landfills.

There are several for-profit and nonprofit companies that accept usable household materials including appliances, cabinets, doors, hot water radiators, light fixtures, windows, and wood flooring and trim. There are also companies that will come to your project location to remove building materials and pay for them.



Salvage businesses

The following organizations and businesses offer salvage opportunities for building materials. This list does not constitute approval of any of the firms identified nor do we claim the list is complete. This list was last reviewed August 2020. Call first to verify hours, materials accepted, and guidelines.

Name and contact	Items accepted
Accent Store Fixtures, Minneapolis 612-379-2788, asfmn.com	Shelving and storage units, gridwall, slatwall
Architectural Antiques, Minneapolis 612-332-8344, archantiques.com	Building materials, unique/historical artifacts
Art & Architecture, Minneapolis 612-904-1776, artandarc.com	Building materials, unique/historical artifacts
Bauer Brothers Salvage, Inc., Minneapolis 612-521-9492, bauerbrotherssalvage.com	Building materials including: cabinets, commercial items, doors, lighting, plumbing, windows
Better Futures Minnesota, Minneapolis, 612-351-8657, betterfuturesminnesota.com	Appliances, cabinets, doors, lighting, lumber, plumbing, tile
Bridging, Bloomington 952-888-1105, bridging.org	Furniture and household items
City Salvage, Minneapolis 612-627-9107, citysalvage.com	Building materials including: cabinets, commercial items, doors, lighting, plumbing, windows
Furnish Office & Home, Minneapolis, 612-789-3322, furnishofficeandhome.org	Office furniture and equipment
Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Minneapolis and New Brighton 612-588-3820, restore.tchabitat.org	Building materials including: cabinets, commercial items, doors, lighting, plumbing, windows
Historic Stone Company, Minneapolis 651-641-1234, historicstone.com	Various stones
Second Chance Recycling, Minneapolis, 612-332-0664 ext.14 secondchancerecyclingmn.com	Mattresses and box springs

A large green dumpster is positioned in the foreground, partially obscuring the view of a blue house with white trim. The house has a prominent front porch and a chimney. A black metal fence separates the house from the dumpster. The scene is set in a residential neighborhood with trees and a clear sky.

putting C&D materials to better use than if they were all sent to landfills.

- Dem-Con, Shakopee
952-445-5755, dem-con.com
- LRS Recycling, Minneapolis
612-623-8888, lrsrecycles.com/facilities/minneapolis-waste-service

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Hennepin County drop-off facility locations:

- Bloomington: 1400 West 96th Street Bloomington, MN 55431
- Brooklyn Park: 8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

Visit hennepin.us/dropoffs for hours and additional information.

Close the loop: Buy salvaged building materials for your next project

Consumers are an important part in making recycling work because purchases send a message that salvaged products are valued.

When you're out shopping for building supplies, help close the recycling loop by purchasing items made from reused or salvaged materials. See the salvage businesses list included in this guide for reuse retailers that offer a variety of home building materials.

