

## WHY IT'S WORTH IT:

### WHAT A WASTE!

**Windham County generates enough construction waste in a year to fill 2,571 dumpsters placed end-to-end from Brattleboro to Putney!**

*That's 11 miles, over 9,000 tons, and over 25% of the waste we send to the landfill.*

### AN OPPORTUNITY

*Much construction waste can be reused or recycled.*

### YOUR TRASH MAY BE SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE

*Fixtures and materials you don't need can be used in other building projects; make someone happy!*

### SAVE MONEY

*Buying used building materials can save you 50% or more over new materials. Donating reusable items saves you the cost of disposal.*

*Recycling construction waste can be less expensive than regular disposal.*

### LESS CUTTING AND DIGGING

*When lumber, metals, and aggregates are reused or recycled, fewer trees have to be cut and less mining has to be done – and mining is one of the most damaging activities on Earth.*

### CREATE JOBS

*The Recycling industry is a major employer providing more jobs than the US auto industry. Re-use and recycling creates meaningful work for people – green jobs mean a healthier planet!*

## TIPS...

### ...FOR CONSTRUCTION WASTE REDUCTION

**Walk through** your local used building materials store to see what they carry and accept.

**Plan Ahead.** Make a waste reduction or recycling plan before starting work, and communicate it to all parties. Create a system of where things go so you handle materials as little as possible to save labor.

**Remove** salvage items early in the process.

**Re-use** scrap on the job. Use one centralized wood-cutting station to promote reuse.

**Look for** materials on the materials exchanges (VBMX, NH Materials Exchange).

**Use standard dimensions** to reduce cut-off waste.

**Get a grant** from the State to create your own innovative project.



*For additional tips and grant program information contact the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation: Carolyn Grodinsky (802) 241-3477 or Buzz Surwilo (802) 241-3481 or visit*

[www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/candd.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/candd.htm)

### OTHER RESOURCES:

**Vermont Green Building Network**  
[www.vgbn.org](http://www.vgbn.org) email to: [info@VGBN.org](mailto:info@VGBN.org)

**Building Materials Reuse Association**  
1-800-990-BMRA (1-800-990-2672)  
[www.ubma.org](http://www.ubma.org)

# ARE YOU REMODELING? BUILDING?

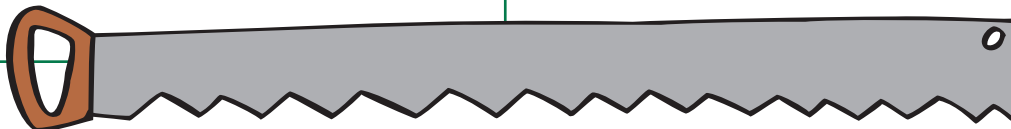


# REDUCE YOUR WASTE!

**It's the right thing to do.  
It's the economic thing to do.  
And it's easier than you think.**

**WSWMD**  
327 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301  
[recycle@wswmd.org](mailto:recycle@wswmd.org) [www.wswmd.org](http://www.wswmd.org)  
802- 257-0272

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## WHAT TO DO:

### BUY SALVAGE

**SOMETIMES YOU CAN FIND JUST WHAT YOU NEED AT A USED BUILDING MATERIALS STORE**

**ReNew:** A convenient, central location for a wide range of reusable and green building items.

*Town Crier Drive, (off Putney Rd, opposite Shell Station), Brattleboro VT (802) 246-2400 [www.renewsalvage.org](http://www.renewsalvage.org)*

**ReCOVER:** Another building materials store in White River Junction, Vermont (802) 296-7241 [www.coverhomerepair.org](http://www.coverhomerepair.org)

**Vermont Salvage, Inc.:** An architectural salvage business with a huge selection of antique and historic pieces.

*White River Junction VT (802) 295-7616 Manchester, NH (603) 624-0868*

**Local Color Paint:** A Vermont-made premium re-blended paint, available at *ReNew (802) 246-2400*

### DECONSTRUCT INSTEAD OF DEMOLISH!

#### START WITH A "SOFTSTRIP"

Walk through a remodeling or demolition project before work starts to take out the easy-to-remove, reusable and valuable items.

#### SYSTEMATIC DECONSTRUCTION

Careful dismantling for reuse of materials and reduction of waste – ask your contractor if they do deconstruction or call ReNew.



### IF IT'S IN GOOD ENOUGH SHAPE TO BE RE-USED:

**SELL IT:** Vermont Salvage may be interested in buying your architectural or antique items.

**DONATE IT:** Take reusable material to a non-profit reuse center like ReNew or ReCOVER (see left panel) for a tax-deductible donation.

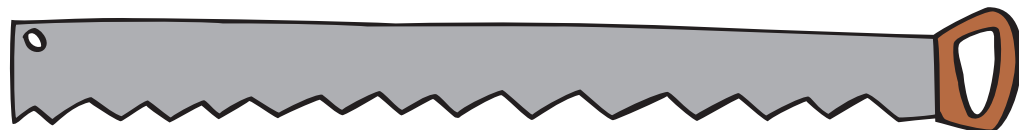
**GIVE IT AWAY:** Put reusables in a "Free Pile".

**POST IT:** Post reusables on a Materials Exchange listing — a free online bulletin board linking generators of a diverse assortment of reusable materials with those who could use them.

**The Vermont Business Materials Exchange**  
[www.vbmx.org](http://www.vbmx.org)

**New Hampshire Materials Exchange**  
[www.wastecapnh.org/nhme](http://www.wastecapnh.org/nhme)

**Massachusetts Materials Exchange**  
[www.materialsexchange.org](http://www.materialsexchange.org)



### IF IT'S TRASH, IT STILL MIGHT BE RECYCLABLE:

**When deciding which recycling service is most suitable, consider location and type of waste material. Ask your construction waste hauler if they offer recycling services or use these local services:**

**CARDBOARD:** Most jobs, especially new construction, generate a lot of cardboard. Keep it clean and separate and you'll be able to recycle it. Almost all haulers offer cardboard recycling.

**COMPOSTABLE CONSTRUCTION WASTE:** Cardboard, sheetrock, and untreated and unpainted wood wastes are composted in Massachusetts through a local program. Call Triple T Trucking in Brattleboro for service or information (802) 254-5388. WSWMD also accepts this waste stream at our facility on Old Ferry Rd in Brattleboro.

**"CLEAN WOOD":** Waste wood (no treated wood, no sheetrock) is used as fuel for biomass plants in New England that produce electricity. Accepted at Keene Transfer Station (603) 352-5739 for a reduced fee.

**AGGREGATES:** Asphalt millings, concrete, blocks and brick can be recycled for use in new products. Zaluzny Excavating, Brattleboro (802) 254-5758.