



Construction and Demolition Materials Recycling

(www.epa.gov/cdmaterials/)

Finding C&D Material Recyclers

Have you received a lot of calls from contractors and the public about where to recycle construction and demolition (C&D) materials in your state? There are several resources you can direct them to in their search for recyclers and reuse stores.

Whole Building Design Guide's Construction Waste Management Database contains information on companies that haul, collect, and process recyclable debris from construction projects. Created in 2002 by the Government Service Administration's (GSA) Environmental Strategies and Safety Division to promote responsible waste disposal, the database is a free online service for those seeking companies that recycle construction debris in their area. One can search by state, zip code, or material(s) recycled. The database can be accessed at: www.wbdg.org/tools/cwm.php.

The Construction Materials Recycling Association (CMRA) is a 501(c)(3) organization that promotes the recycling of C&D materials. The "Find a Recycler" link provides a list of member C&D materials recyclers at: www.cdrecycling.org/materials.html.

The Building Materials Reuse Association (BMRA) is a non-profit educational organization whose mission is to facilitate building deconstruction and the reuse/recycling of recovered building materials. BMRA has a directory of members that operate reuse stores at: www.bmra.org/listings/.

Habitat for Humanity (HfH) operates many "ReStores" across the country. These are retail outlets where used and surplus building materials are sold. Proceeds from ReStores help fund the construction of HfH houses. www.habitat.org/cd/env/restore.aspx

ReSource operates reclaimed building material outlets in Colorado. ReSource accepts donations of reusable building materials and then resells them to the public. Everything has been donated by homeowners, businesses, contractors, or deconstruction experts. ReSource offers onsite pick-up and delivery, and architectural salvage and deconstruction services: www.resourceyard.org/.

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) is a joint industry-government effort to increase the amount of recycling and reuse of post-consumer carpet and reduce the amount of waste carpet going to landfills. CARE maintains a list of carpet reclamation centers and recycle processors: www.carpetrecovery.org/waste.php.