

Construction & Demolition Recycling

Are you remodeling a home? Do you have a business that's involved in construction, demolition or remodeling? If the answer is yes, you should be aware that many construction and/or demolition waste materials can be recycled.

Here is a list of construction materials that can be recycled locally:

Asphalt Paving Materials

Corrugated Cardboard

Asphalt Shingles

Gypsum "Drywall" (unpainted) *

Carpet and Carpet Pad

Land Clearing Debris

Ceiling Tiles

Metals (steel beams, aluminum gutters, ductwork, copper piping)

Concrete, Brick, Block and Stone *

Wood Waste (untreated, unpainted)



Asphalt paving material and roofing shingles, concrete, brick and masonry block are processed and used in road construction. Clean wood can be ground and used for mulch or as fuel. The calcium and sulfur in drywall are desirable soil amendments in agriculture. Carpet pad is readily recyclable and some carpet fibers such as nylon and polypropylene can also be recycled.

Recycling at construction/demolition job sites may save you and your contractor money in addition to being good for our environment. Excess materials from construction projects may be used in future projects and many materials can be recovered pre-demolition from existing sites. For example, windows, doors, faucets, cabinets and sinks can be salvaged and re-used. The local Habitat for Humanity accepts donations of new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances and will even pick-up your donation at no cost. Many metals can be sold to local recycling/salvage companies. Even brick and stone can be carefully removed and reused on other projects. If material can't be reused or donated, Mecklenburg County residents can bring their construction and demolition wastes for disposal to any Full-Service Drop-off Center (see page 8). For information on disposal fees or assistance in reducing or recycling construction/demolition waste, please email solidwaste@mecknc.gov or visit www.WipeOutWaste.com.

Secure Your Load!

Roughly half of roadside litter is "blown not thrown" from passing vehicles because covers are not used to contain the material. Roadside litter is unsightly and expensive to remove. Other cars on the roadways are at risk when material is blown onto windshields or falls onto the roadways without warning. By requiring that all loads going in and out of your construction site be properly covered, secured and contained to prevent spillage and blowout—whether they are on pickup trucks, dump trucks or material delivery trucks—you'll be doing your part to reduce litter and potential risk to other motorists.

Note: Concrete & clean drywall are accepted at reduced fees at the Foxhole Landfill to encourage recycling.