



# Recycling At Construction Sites



***Recycling construction site wastes can save you money. A survey of cardboard recyclers found that rates for cardboard recycling are \$32 to \$115 less per load than refuse disposal.***

**CONSTRUCTION SITE WASTE MANAGEMENT TIPS:**

**REDUCE**

- Use designs that minimize the amount of materials used.
- Avoid “waste” - measure twice and cut once.

**REUSE**

- Donate surplus materials.
- Reuse lumber “cut-offs” on the job site.

**RECYCLE**

- Assign a member of your crew to take responsibility for recycling.
- Be sure that your idea of a clean load is the same as your recycler’s.
- Color-code containers or use large signs to help your crew recycle effectively.

Efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle construction waste can save money, reduce liability, keep job sites cleaner and safer, and save landfill space. It’s also the law for materials like cardboard which were banned from landfills by Wisconsin Act 335.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, the three largest waste components on most job sites – cardboard, wood, and drywall – typically make up 75% of job site waste.

Information on local recycling markets for construction materials is available from Dane County at 267-8815 or [www.co.dane.wi.us/pubworks/recyc/markets.htm](http://www.co.dane.wi.us/pubworks/recyc/markets.htm). You can also contact the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center for assistance with construction site recycling or green building techniques at 262-0398.

While recycling outlets for cardboard are common, they are harder to find for wood and drywall. One alternative is on-site grinding of wood and drywall for use as an erosion control mulch at the job site.

More information on grinding wood and drywall is available from the National Association of Home Builders Research Center at 800-638-8556 or [www.nahbrc.org](http://www.nahbrc.org).

## Area Corrugated Cardboard Recyclers

Green Valley Disposal Co.  
300 Raemisch Road  
Waunakee, WI 53597  
251-7878

Waste Management  
2418 W. Badger Road  
Madison, WI 53713  
273-2500

Madison Recycling Center  
2200 Fish Hatchery Road  
Madison, WI 53713

Pellitteri’s Container Haul Away  
7035 Raywood Road  
Madison, WI 53713