

Working with a Recycler

Regardless of the facility to which you intend to take construction waste, you must call first to determine tipping fees or the amount they will pay you, and the condition of the materials they will accept. Recyclers are rarely licensed landfills as well. Their business is the material they collect and recycle, and anything else is a trash burden. So they are fairly strict about the quality of the loads they receive.

In the current Houston market (as it pertains to the recycling of construction waste), only metals and corrugated cardboard have any sales value. Plastic (and only certain types) can be delivered with little or no charge. Wood may be tipped at some wood recovery facilities for a fee slightly less than landfilling.

Most recyclers will accept materials only if they are source-separated: that is the materials have been placed in separate containers prior to their delivery to the recycler's facility.

Additionally, they generally accept only "100% quality materials" loads. A container or truckload of a given material cannot have other materials in it. Recyclers realize the materials may be "dirty" but they do not want dirt in the loads. Recycling requires a different frame of mind than what work crews are accustomed to when dealing with waste. The materials being handled are to be recovered, not simply thrown in a hole and buried. The materials don't need to be spotless, just not coated with mud.

A MRF is a Materials Recovery Facility. A MRF accepts materials unsorted. Be sure to call to determine any limitations on material types, the quality and other cost or income conditions of acceptance. Even a construction waste recycling program using the off-site recovery method (a MRF) needs to follow certain segregation rules like keeping lunch waste out of the container.

Recyclers in the Houston/Galveston Region

Recyclers are not limited to those listed here. Please check your Yellow Pages or resources listed at the end in Section IV.

I. Multi-material Recyclers -- Separate Containers

These recyclers accept two or more separated materials.

Material, condition, purchase, other comments	Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Provide container & haul? Area Served
C – Accept all types of paper. M – Aluminum only. P – All types of plastics.	BFI Industries - East 8101 Little York Road Houston, TX 77016 (Check Yellow Pages for other branches)	Residential- Emmett Smallwood Commercial- Ken Dorosey Ph: (713) 635-7777 Fax: (713) 635-8478	Yes. Area varies with branch.
C - 20 cu. yd. min. Corrugated only, no mixes. F - Carpet pad. No Carpet, no other contaminants. W - Any wood, 20 cu. yd. minimum. Clean.	Republic Waste Seviles 10554 Tanner Rd. Houston, TX 77041	Carla Fahy Ph: (713) 896-0433 Fax: (713) 849-3090	Yes. Houston, 50 mile radius

II. Single-Material Recyclers

Also look in Multi-Material lists also for materials.

Corrugated Cardboard

Condition, other comments	Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Provide container & haul? Area Served
Corrugated, clean.	ACCO Waste Paper of Houston 403 Jennies Drive Houston, TX 77020	David Schmidt, Gen.Mngr Alan Baccarat, Sales Mngr. Ph: (713) 227-6541 Fax: (713) 229-9901	Call for container and pickup inf. Houston metro
Any condition, separated.	ASK Recyclers 4410 Pinemont Houston, TX 77018	Shari Walker, Owner Janet Robinson, Sales Manager Ph: (713) 467-7972 Fax: (713)681-5824	No. Spring Branch, NW Houston
Any quantity.	Vista Fiber 1200 Brittmoore Houston, TX 77043	Mike Ortiz, General Mngr Ph: (713) 461-9933 Fax: (713) 461-9937	Yes S.E. Texas
Corrugated cardboard, loose or compacted.	Waste Management Recycling 1901 Afton St. Houston, TX 77055	Tom Head, Sales Manager Ph: (713) 695-4055 Fax: (713) 423-1880	Yes. Roll-off or dumpster. Greater Houston

Brick

Condition, other comments	Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Provide container & haul? Area Served
Any condition. No hazardous waste. Limited concrete. Call	Able Brick 9640 Telephone Road Houston, TX 77075	Berry Honeycutt, Pres. Ph: (713) 991-2790 Fax: (713) 991-7519	No. Receive from anywhere

Concrete

Condition, other comments	Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Provide container & haul? Area Served
Broken up, must be clean	Cherry Demolition** www.cherrydemolition.com 4601 Holmes Rd. Houston, TX 77033	Joe Rizzo Ph: (713) 731-2040 Fax: (713) 436-0391	Concrete Bin, (may charge \$150), Greater Houston Area
Broken up, must be clean	Southern Crushed Concrete** 2625 Griggs Rd. Houston, TX 77021	Ph: (281) 987-8789 Fax: (281) 227-8493 Eddie Rayes	Concrete Bin No

Flooring

Condition, other comments	Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Provide container & haul? Area Served
Carpet padding (no rubber pads), Upholstery padding. Mattress scrap, foam packing. These materials are purchased. Call for price.	CPR - Carpet Pad Recycling 8820 Hempstead Rd. Houston, TX 77008	Debbie Audas Steve Audas Ph: (713) 869-8686 Fax: (713) 8695091	No.
Commercial and Residential E.M.P Certified.	The Environmentalists 7108 Old Katy Rd. Suite 150 Houston, TX 77024	Rick Goolsby Bob Young Ph: (713) 680-3111 Fax: (713) 680-9557	No.
Open top container must be kept dry. They pay for the materials.	Vista Fibers** 1200 Brittmore Houston, TX 77043	Mike Ortiz Ph: (713) 461-9933 Fax: (713) 461-9937	Free container, pick-up (may charge \$50)

Metal

Condition, other comments	Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Provide container & haul? Area Served
Ferrous and Non-ferrous. Any quantity. Scrap. Buy Aluminum cans.	A-I Iron & Metal Company, Inc. www.commercialmetals.com 2160 Harbor St. Houston, TX 77020	Sandra Lusky, Owner Ph: (713) 228-5720 Fax: (713)672-9200	Yes. Houston metro
Non-ferrous. Clean, no screws and no hazardous waste.	Ace Scrap Metal Recycling 6206 Long Drive Houston, TX 77087	Charlie Laviage Ronnie Laviage Ph: (713) 643-9922 Fax: (713) 643-2722	Yes. Houston
Non-ferrous. Any condition, any amount, no hazardous waste. Will take electronic scraps.	Altech Metals Inc. 10612 - A Hempstead Highway Houston, TX 77092 www.altechco.com	Bryan Frazar Ph: (713) 680-9325 Fax: (713) 680-3519 bfrazar@altechco.com	Yes. Houston metro
Copper, brass, aluminum, stainless steel. Any condition and quantity.	C&D Scrap Metal Recyclers Co. Inc. 815 W. 25 Houston, TX 77008	Dennis Laviage, Pres. Jeff Johnson, VP Ph: (713) 862-5588 Fax: (713) 862-4316 dennis@cdscrapmetal.com	Yes. Houston, 50 mile radius
Iron, brass, copper, stainless. Separated into ferrous and non-ferrous, clean.	Commercial Metals Co. 2015 Quitman Houston, TX 77026	Philip Johnson, Plant Mgr. Stanley Levy, Buyer Ph: (713) 228-7411 Fax: (713) 228-8098	Yes. Houston metro
Ferrous & non-ferrous, large and small. No hazardous waste.	Musselwhite Metal Corp. 8202 West Montgomery Road Houston, TX 77088	Ron Musselwhite, Owner Ph: (281) 445-1132 Fax: (281) 448-2844	Yes. Houston & surrounding areas
Ferrous & non-ferrous. Truck load minimum. Any condition. No hazardous waste.	CFF Recycling 7501 Wallisville Road Houston, TX 77020	Ph: (713) 675-2281 Fax: (713) 675-2285	Yes. 150 mile radius
Call for quotes, etc.	Gulf Coast Scrap Metal ** 8770 Hempstead Rd. Houston, TX 77008	Chano Ph: (713) 868-4111 Fax: (713) 868-2507	Free container and pick-up. Houston.

Wood

Condition, other comments	Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Provide container & haul? Area Served
Any brush and wood, any quantity.	Gower Construction Co. 12622 Boudreaux Tomball, TX 77375 www.mulchking.com	Richard Gower, President Lori Bryant Ph: (281) 351-6603 Fax: (281) 255-8419	Yes. Houston area
Wood must not be painted or treated	Novus Wood, Inc. ** 5900 Haynesworth Lane Houston, TX 77034	Roger Oldigs Ph: (281) 922-1000 Fax: (281) 922-1474	Can provide 40 yd. Dumpster, self tipping is best.

III. Haulers

There are many haulers in the greater Houston area. Refer to the telephone yellow pages or other resources for more comprehensive lists. These are the haulers who served during the Demonstration Program.

Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Area Served	Container or Trucks?
BPI	713-635-6666	Houston Region	Containers/ Trucks
R.C. Contracting Services	Roy Conner 713-747-2014	Houston Region	Trucks
Waste Management of Houston	713-695-4055 www.wm.com	Houston Metro	Containers/ Trucks
Novus Wood, Inc.		Houston Metro	Untreated/unpainted

III. Salvaged Materials

This list represents entities that provide various salvaged materials and/or accept used materials that are re-useable. Call to verify if pick up is available and what qualifies as re-useable.

Company, Address	Contact & Phone	Comments	Pick-up or deliver
Habitat Re-Store 218 E Pasadena Frwy. Pasadena, TX 77506	(713)472-0997	Items are available for purchase by general public with proceeds benefiting habitat.	Call for details. Donate re-useable building materials and fixtures.
Habitat Re-Store (Habitat for Humanity - Northwest Harris County)	Wade Wilson 281-631-0092	They are not open yet; check in late 2004. Items will also be available for purchase by general public with proceeds benefiting habitat.	Call for details. Donate re-useable building materials and fixtures.

** Resources provided from Kirksey's Spaw Glass-Construction Waste Management Plan

IV. Other Resources

We have listed the most relevant websites below; see the AIA COTE website for more links.

<http://www.aiahouston.org/cote/>

www.cleanup.org

<http://cwm.gsa.gov/>

<http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/swd/recycling.htm>