

Reuse

Reusing materials is more cost-effective and environmentally beneficial than recycling. Use reclaimed materials in your project. Take the time to remove usable appliances and other materials when renovating. Donate, give away, or sell materials you don't need.

Habitat for Humanity Store

Donate new and used materials to one of the South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity Stores. The proceeds from the sale of your tax-deductible items directly support affordable housing in Thurston County. The Habitat Stores are open to the public and offer a variety of new and used building materials, appliances, furniture, and more at discount prices. Visit www.spshabitatstores.com to see what items they accept.

Shopping or donating:
400 Cooper Point Road SW, Olympia
(360) 956-3456 x 2

412 Yelm Ave. E, Yelm
(360) 956-3456 x 3

Materials exchange websites

Use these free sites to list your items or shop for great bargains:

- www.2good2toss.com
- www.freecycle.org
- <http://seattle.craigslist.org>



Resources

Cascadia Green Building Council
www.CascadiaGBC.org

Code Innovation Database
www.EcoBuilding.org/code-innovations

NW EcoBuilding Guild - South Sound
www.EcoBuilding.org

Olympia Master Builders - Built Green®
www.omb.org

Recovery 1, Inc
www.recovery1.com

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity
www.spshabitatstores.com

Thurston County Solid Waste
www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org/GreenBuilding

Washington State Department of Ecology
www.ECY.wa.gov/Programs/swfa/GreenBuilding

For assistance, contact Greg Gachowsky at
867-2281 or gachowg@co.thurston.wa.us.



Thurston County Solid Waste
9605 Tilley Road S
Olympia, WA 98512
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www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org



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Construction and demolition debris

Save money through reuse and recycling



REDUCE  REUSE  RECYCLE

Save money and resources by recycling

Recycling construction and demolition materials is usually cheaper than trash disposal. You may also find places that will pay you for some materials or take them for free.

As an example, Recovery 1 in Tacoma currently charges \$70 per ton to dispose of recyclable construction debris. Disposing of the same materials as trash at the Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) at Hawks Prairie will cost you \$119 per ton. The WARC is not a recycling facility for building and demolition debris.

By planning ahead, you can save time, money, and resources. Answer these quick questions and get started today!



What will you recycle?

Identify the recyclable materials from your project. This can include wood, vegetation, metal, concrete, bricks, lumber, asphalt shingles, carpet, drywall, polystyrene (often called Styrofoam™), cardboard, glass, plastic, soil, and more.

Contact potential recycling facilities ahead of time, and describe your materials carefully. Ask about hours, fees, and special instructions.

Separate or mixed?

Some disposal locations will let you mix recyclables in the same bin. Separating recyclables into different bins may take a little more time, but it will save you more money on large loads.

Be sure to mark the bins clearly in the languages spoken on-site. Make sure your workers and subcontractors understand how to recycle at your job site. Keep trash out of recycle bins, or you could be charged more or refused disposal.

Who will haul it?

You can haul materials yourself. Consider staff time and transportation costs.

You can also use a hauling service. The following companies provide on-site containers and collection for recyclables. Listing does not indicate endorsement by Thurston County.

Ask your hauler for a copy of the receipt to verify materials were recycled properly.

- **Benchmark Recycling Inc.**
(253) 565-1565
www.BenchMarkRecycling.com
- **F.S. and GS. Services Inc.**
(800) 551-3280
www.fsandgs.com
- **LeMay Inc. Contractor Hotline**
(360) 280-7305
EddieLe@wcnx.org
- **NCM/RENU**
(877) 444-7368
www.NCMGroup.com/RENU

Visit our recycling and reuse database

Visit www.WhereDoITakeMy.org to find locations that will recycle or reuse nearly 150 different materials - a few examples are listed below. Call locations directly to learn about fees and other requirements. Loads from building demolition and renovation projects may require specific permits.*

- **Appliances**
- **Asphalt**
- **Bricks**
- **Carpet**
- **Ceiling tiles**
- **Concrete**
- **Drywall**
- **Insulation**
- **Land clearing debris**
- **Scrap metal**
- **Styrofoam™**
- **Window glass**



Hazardous materials

Take hazardous materials like mercury, fluorescent lights, and oil-based paints to HazoHouse at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center (WARC). HazoHouse is free for residents. Qualifying businesses must register and pay a small fee. For hours and other information, call (360) 867-2912 or visit our website at www.ThurstonSolidWaste.org.

*Asbestos removal requires a permit. For more information, before you begin your project, call the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency at (360) 539-7610 or visit www.orcaa.org. To make an appointment to dispose of asbestos waste at the WARC, call Thurston County Environmental Health at (360) 867-2578 or the WARC at (360) 867-2491.