



Strategies to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Drywall



The first step and key to successful reuse programs is waste separation.

- “Design out” Drywall waste by using the full sheets where ever applicable.
- Don’t dispose of any piece larger than 18 inches – collect in dry location for the small work.
- Pieces cost money but so does waste handling – that is recollecting in dumpster, hauling and tipping.
- On-site Reuse
 1. Consider using a medium sized trash can (labeled in both Spanish and English) to collect cut-offs where they are being created and reused – this keeps the site neat, and makes it easy to reuse.
 2. Each day sort these containers and keep suitable materials that will be directly reused for the drywall job convenient and dry for reuse; Add unused scraps to piles/containers for grinding/removal (they do not have to be kept dry)
- Decide on grinding on-site vs. hauling offsite?

Discuss with the owner how he/she would like to utilize the ground drywall on the site.

- Grinding and reuse onsite;
 1. Test soil to see if drywall can be added as an amendment.
 2. Communicate to all subcontractors the location for drywall scraps for either small piece installation or grinding - and the importance of separation of either resource from other waste material on-site.
 3. Label location in both Spanish and English. Make the labels clear (ex: Dry wall only, not for public use)

Separate Drywall waste in a neat dry pile for grinding

4. Decide how you will distribute the ground material on-site
Uses: Drywall –soil additive

Area vendors for On-site Grinding of Drywall

Green Clean Management Inc.
15614 Oxenford (249 and Grant)
Tomball, TX 77377
713-545-7082 / Fax: 281-374-0478 / Mobile: 713-545-7085
greenconstructionclean@yahoo.com

C West
725 West 18th
Houston, TX 77008
713-80C-West / Fax: 713-869-9297
CWEST@houston.rr.com

Belleau Wood Environmental, Ltd.
774 FM 517
Alvin, TX 77511
1947 CR 129
Pearland, TX 77581
281-388-1269 / Fax: 281-648-8221 / Mobile: 281-435-1211
www.belleau-wood.com

- Haul offsite for recycling (at reduced tipping fees) any un-pulverized drywall
 1. Arrange reduced tipping fees for recycling with hauler
 2. Set up separate waste receptacle
 3. Clearly label –Recycled Drywall only, not for public use in both Spanish and English

Area vendors

Natures Way Resources
101 Sherbrook Circle
Conroe, TX 77385-7750
936-273-1200 (Conroe)
936-321-6990 (Metro)
jcfergus@ix.netcom.com

Green Waste, Concrete, Brick, Stone, Untreated/unpainted Wood,
Topsoil, Fill dirt, Food waste, Manure, and Bedding, No pickup
available

BFI Industries – East
8101 Little York Road
Houston, TX 77016
713-635-7777 / Fax: 713-635-8478

Republic Waste Services
10554 Tanner Road
Houston, TX 77041
713-896-0433 / Fax: 713-849-3090
20 cubic yard, minimum, Corrugated Cardboard only / No mixes
Carpet pad / No carpet –/No other contaminants
Any wood, 20 cubic yard, minimum / Clean