

Nonprofit Programs

A variety of nonprofit organizations accept donations of reusable building materials, tools, textiles, appliances, furniture, and other items. Some require the items to be in new, or nearly new, condition. Call prior to drop-off.

Resources

- Atlanta Community ToolBank, 404-880-0054
- FCS Urban Ministries, 404-627-4304
- Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta, 404-355-8530 
- Goodwill, Inc., www.ging.org
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 404-525-2114 
- Materials for the Arts, 404-817-6815
- Salvation Army, Inc., www.salvationarmysouth.org

Salvage Dealers

Salvage businesses buy a wide range of items to resell in their stores. Some specialize in antique architectural features while others accept a wider variety of items. You may find other resources in the phone book under “surplus and salvage” or “demolition.” Let them know what you have before arranging delivery or pick-up.

Resources

- Home Improvement Superstore, 404-607-0080 
- Hudgins and Co., Inc., 404-523-2791
- Northside Material Brokers, 404-609-9900 
- The Wrecking Bar, 404-525-0468 

Carpet

Building material reuse centers or nonprofit groups may accept used carpet if it is in good condition (see resources above). A limited number of facilities accept residential carpet for recycling (check the online directory below). Used carpet can be recycled or used in the manufacture of new flooring systems or other products, such as car parts. Carpet padding cannot be reused because it cannot be cleaned. Polyurethane pads may be recyclable.

Resources

- Online directory of Georgia recycling markets, www.dca.state.ga.us/environmental/recycling/default.asp
- Local carpet distributors

Plant Rescue

Plant rescue programs save plants that are in the direct path of development. Rescuers obtain written permission from the developer or property owner before entering a site. The rescued plants go to nature centers, schools, public gardens, and backyard habitats.

Resources

- Georgia Native Plant Society, www.gnps.org 
- Ed McDowell, ed.mcdowell@cox.net

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is defined as a product discarded from a residential location that is either ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic. Examples of common HHWs are used motor oil, oil-based paint, mercury thermometers, auto batteries, gasoline, and pesticides. Some types of HHW are recyclable (such as used motor oil, antifreeze, auto batteries, some household batteries, and mercury-containing devices). Other types are not (including old gasoline, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, and oil-based paints). Homeowners and tenants should refer to the resources below for recycling options and proper disposal methods.

Resources

- Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Division, www.p2ad.org
- Earth 911 (a zip code-driven website containing disposal and recycling information), www.earth911.org
- Your local solid waste department

Mercury-switch Thermostats

The not-for-profit Thermostat Recycling Corporation coordinates the collection of all brands of used, wall-mounted, mercury-switch thermostats. Contractors can turn in the devices at participating HVAC wholesalers (see the website below for a wholesaler near you).

Resources

- Thermometer Recycling Corporation, Executive Director Ric Erdheim, 703-841-3249
- National Electrical Manufacturers Association, www.nema.org/index_nema.cfm/664

Online Materials Exchanges

Online materials exchanges link buyers and sellers of used building materials, appliances, fixtures, plumbing, and more. Many of these services are free, while others are membership- or subscription-based. Read the site’s policies and requirements before submitting your items.

Resources

- American Forest & Paper Association, www.afandpa.org
- www.e-wood.com
- EnviroShare (Hall County only), www.enviroshare.org
- www.greenguide.com/exchange
- www.lumbersurplus.com
- www.recycle.net
- www.salvagecentre.com
- Used Building Materials Association, <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/environment/ubma/index.html>
- www.woodexchange.com



The little truck denotes *possibility* of pick-up. Please call first to determine if your materials are eligible.

Wood Recycling Services and C&D Landfill Locations

Bartow

- County Landfill – SR 394, Emerson 770-387-5030
C&D landfill/inert landfill.
Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Cherokee

- Gourmet Grinding – 603 Sweetwater Creek Dr., Canton, 770-720-1981
Offers mobile grinding.
- Swims-Dixie Landfill – SR 92, Woodstock 770-924-6110
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Cobb

- Cobb Mulch & Soil – 1897 County Farm Rd., Marietta, 770-720-1050
Accepts land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.
- Patterson Services – 5800 River View Rd., Mableton, 404-505-1449
Offers mobile grinding.

Coweta

- County Landfill – Ishman Ballard Rd., Newnan, 770-253-2601
C&D landfill.

DeKalb

- APAC/GA – Donzi Ln., Atlanta 404-622-3389
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.
- Apollo Waste – Rogers Lake Rd., Lithonia, 404-367-0909
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.
- BFI-East DeKalb – Scales Rd., Lithonia 770-271-3575
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber.
- County Landfill – Seminole Rd., Ellenwood, 404-294-2927
C&D landfill.

- Day Energy Systems, Inc. – 2875 Moorings Pkwy., Lithonia, 770-979-2390
Accepts land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

- Phillips-Scales Road – Scales Rd., Lithonia, 770-482-9600
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Floyd

- AMR Waste Systems – 4 East 3rd St., Rome, 706-295-3787
Offers mobile grinding.

Fulton

- Chadwick Road Landfill – Chadwick Rd., Alpharetta, 770-475-9868
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.
- Hedge Hog – 609 Bohannon Rd., Fairburn, 770-306-7111
Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Gwinnett

- Consolidated Resource Recovery – 800 Mitchell Rd., Norcross 770-246-0044
Inert landfill. Accepts land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.
- County Line Recycling – 6321 Hwy. 29, Tucker, 770-938-3994
Inert landfill. Accepts land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.
- S & W – 421 Thunder Rd., Buford 770-945-1771
Inert landfill.

Hall

- Reliable Tire Service – Monroe Dr., Gainesville.
C&D landfill.

Monroe

- JAE Landfill – 250 Nichols Rd., Forsyth 770-205-6300
Inert landfill. Accepts land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Newton

- Forest Tower – Lower River Rd., Porterdale, 770-786-5808
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Spalding

- County Landfill – Shoal Creek Rd., Griffin, 770-229-6425
C&D landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Troup

- County Landfill – SR 109, Mountville 706-883-1713
C&D landfill/inert landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings.

Union

- Georgia Mountain Grinding & Recycling – 4236 Hayfield Rd., Blairsville, 706-835-2000
C&D landfill/inert landfill. Accepts construction lumber, land-clearing debris, yard trimmings. Offers mobile grinding.

For More Information

For more assistance with construction material recycling and reducing waste on the job site, call the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division at (404) 651-5120 or visit our website at www.p2ad.org.

This is not a complete list of resources. Please check your phone book. Contact individual businesses for current pricing and policies. The mention of commercial products, trade names, or vendors does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation for use.

Information for this fact sheet was updated in September 2002 and is subject to change. While every effort has been made to provide clear and useful information, it is the responsibility of owners to properly manage their waste and materials in accordance with any local, state, or federal laws. P²AD assumes no liability for the disposal or management of waste or materials.



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