



## **Donating Building Materials to Boston Building Resources**

Donating high-quality building materials, new or used, helps people repair and improve their homes while also sparing the environment from needless waste. Because the Reuse Center at Boston Building Resources is a 501(c)(3) charity, both material and financial gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### **Materials We Do Take**

#### **For the kitchen**

- Cabinets
- Countertops
- Sinks and faucets
- Appliances (in showroom condition, less than five years old)

#### **For the bathroom**

- Vanities
- Sinks and faucets
- Tubs and enclosures
- Low-flow toilets
- Ceramic tile
- Accessories (towel racks, etc.)

#### **Windows (no lead paint please)**

- Vinyl and wood replacement
- Insulated double hung units
- Awning and hopper windows

#### **Doors (no lead paint please)**

- Interior (minimum width 30")
- Exterior
- Storm doors (with frame and hardware)
- Hardware (locks, knobs, hinges)

#### **Lumber, plywood, drywall**

- Dimensional lumber (6' minimum length, no scraps)
- Moldings
- Plywood (half sheets or larger)
- Drywall (half sheets or larger)
- Exterior house shutters (wood, no lead paint)

## **Flooring**

- Carpeting and carpet tiles
- Ceramic and vinyl tile
- Sheet vinyl
- Wood

## **Electrical (working and complete)**

- Residential surface-mounted light fixtures
- Paddle fans

## **Paint**

- Latex paint, full containers
- Cans must be clean and paint in good condition

## **Materials We Don't Take**

### **Door types**

- Doors with lead paint
- Storm doors without frame, screen, or glass
- Sliding patio doors unless in excellent condition with wood interior and clad exterior
- Used bi-fold doors
- Hollow-core doors
- Used shower doors
- Cabinet doors without the cabinets

### **Window types**

- Storm windows
- Casement or fixed windows
- Any sash without its frame
- Single-pane wood sashes
- Picture windows larger than 24 sq. ft.

### **Plumbing**

- Used cast iron tubs
- Toilets that are not low-flow
- Used pipes (cast iron, PVC already glued)
- Steam radiators
- Wall-mount sinks

### **Electrical**

- Commercial electrical equipment
- Commercial light fixtures that don't have residential application
- Recessed lighting ("cans")
- Appliances
- Appliances not in excellent working condition
- Appliances not in "showroom" condition
- Any appliance that is five years old or older
- Used wall ovens without their cabinets

## **Paint**

- Partial cans or paint in poor condition
- Boston residents can consider giving other containers of paint to the city's paint swap shops

## **Other**

- Acoustic ceiling tiles
- Countertops that are worn, stained, or dated
- Kitchen cabinets too old to be reused
- Furniture (consider donating residential furniture to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and office furniture to The Furniture Trust.)
- Office equipment
- Recreational and exercise equipment
- Fill—clean or otherwise
- Glass of any kind (e.g., storefront, plate, jalousie, mirrors)
- Concrete masonry units or bricks unless they are delivered to us (must be clean and free of mortar)
- Used chain link fencing

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