



## Guidelines for Donating Materials

The ReCONNstruction Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that accepts [tax-deductible](#) donations of surplus and reuseable building supplies from businesses, manufacturers, and the general public. We try our best to keep the following donation list updated. However, the availability of warehouse space and fluctuating market conditions may influence our ability to accept every item on a continuing basis.

Please [contact us](#) if you have a donation or are looking for something in particular. We inspect all materials and will decline unsatisfactory or overstocked items as necessary. Since our mission is to reuse these materials, they must be in saleable condition. We sometimes make exceptions to our donation policy. If you have something to donate that you think we can use, but is not on the list below, please call us. Likewise, if an item is exceptionally saleable, but you have no means to deliver it to us, we may arrange to pick it up.

## General Acceptance Criteria

1. *All donated items must be in good reusable condition.* We cannot accept items that are damaged beyond repair, or that have missing parts. Materials should be clean with no peeling paint, serious dents, chips, or rust.
2. *We cannot accept hazardous materials.* This includes items containing PCB's, asbestos, mercury, or lead paint; and flammable compounds.
3. *Items must be delivered to our facility.* Until we secure more funding to purchase a box truck, pick-up service is available only on a limited basis. Please [contact us](#) to discuss your needs.

## Items We Can Accept

### Building Materials

Dimensional Lumber (4' in length or longer; no paint or nails)  
Plywood (1/2 sheets or larger; no paint or nails)  
Drywall (1/2 sheets or larger)  
Insulation, rigid foam (1/2 sheets or larger)  
Insulation, fiberglass batts (clean and packaged in clear plastic bags)  
Siding, wood and vinyl  
Moldings (4' or longer, no paint or nails)  
Stair railing and balusters  
Hardware  
Block, brick, pavers



Flashing  
Roof shingles (asphalt only, complete packages)  
Caulking, putty, adhesives, grout (unopened containers only)

### Windows

Double-pane (complete with frame only)  
Wood and Vinyl  
Storm windows with complete tracks  
Shutters, wood or vinyl (no missing slats)

### Doors

Interior and Exterior with no damage  
Storm doors with complete frame  
Sliding or French doors with complete frame  
Fencing and gates  
Fireplace doors

### Bathroom

Vanities  
Fixtures (faucets)  
Sinks  
Tubs (fiberglass or claw-foot only, no dated colors)  
Shower and tub enclosures (new only)  
Toilets (new low-flow or vintage only)

### Kitchen

Cabinets  
Counter tops  
Hardware  
Sinks  
Fixtures (faucets)

### Flooring

Wood  
Tile (ceramic, rubber, vinyl, with no grout)  
Engineered flooring (i.e. Pergo), new only (at least 100sf)  
Sheet vinyl (5' x 8' minimum)  
Carpet (new only)

### Electrical

Lighting and electrical fixtures (no lamps or fluorescent bulbs)  
Ceiling fans  
Electric baseboard heaters (new only)

### HVAC

Ducting and vent covers

### Plumbing

Pipe, cast iron, PVC (4' or longer)  
Plumbing supplies

### Wall Coverings

Paint (unopened cans, latex only)  
Wall Paper (full rolls only)  
Wainscoting  
Paneling



### Misc. Items

Gutters and accessories  
Wood stoves (antique only)  
Commercial shelving  
Tools  
General architectural salvage (mantles, stained glass, etc.)



### **Items We Cannot Accept**

Appliances  
Used carpet  
Commercial 200-volt electric items  
Loose glass  
Fluorescent bulbs  
Hazardous materials  
Damaged goods  
Furniture  
Oil-based paint and stain



### **Tax-deductible Contributions**

Remember, your donation of time, materials and services to The ReCONNstruction Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is eligible as a tax deduction. Please consult the following links for more information on how to claim a tax deduction for your gift. Thank you for supporting The ReCONNstruction Center!

[IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions](#)

[IRS Publication 79, search for Non-Profits](#)

### **Support Us**

The ReCONNstruction Center would be delighted to include you in our quest to be the best place in Connecticut to find quality used building materials. As a new non-profit organization with an important vision, but a lack of funding, we cannot do it alone. Please [contact us](#) if you can help. Our wish list includes:

*Start-up equipment (new or used) and services* such as:

Forklift  
Box truck  
Pallet jack  
Vehicle scale  
Advertising  
Printing  
Postage  
Office equipment and supplies  
Inventory tracking and barcode system



*Monetary donations* of any size.

## Volunteer

Often, it is the volunteers that bring a new dimension to non-profit organizations, and we would like you to consider helping us achieve our goals.

We welcome *volunteers* to help us pick-up used items, do very minor repairs, and help out around the warehouse. Pro bono *professional services*, such as accounting, legal, and public relations are also needed. Please [contact us](#) if you can volunteer.

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